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Uncle Dave honored by Marine Corps in Guam

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David M. Sablan, fondly known as Uncle Dave on Saipan, served as guest of honor during the Marine Corps Ac-

tivity Guam's 239th Birthday Ball Celebration of the U.S. Marine Corps held earlier this month at the Hyatt Regency Guam.

Marine Corps Activity Guam officer-in-charge Col. P. J. Zimmerman

said Sablan was the first from Saipan to serve as guest of honor of the Birthday Ball and the second from the CNMI. A few years ago, historian Don Farrel from Tinian also served as guest of honor of the group.

"We looked long and hard to find somebody that would be a good guest of honor and convey a good message to the people. When I met Dave about a year ago and heard his story I thought he would be the perfect guest for the

Birthday Ball and to impart not only the impact of the Marines on his life but his impact on the community in the Commonwealth and in Guam. It's just a nice story," said Zimmerman during

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From left, David Sablan, Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, commander, Joint Region Marianas, and Rita C. Sablan.

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\$10K for info on farmers' killers

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A businesswoman has put up a \$10,000 cash reward to anyone who can provide information that will solve the murder of two Chinese farmers.

The businesswoman, who owns several stores on Saipan, told *Saipan Tribune* that she and other members of

the Chinese community will offer the reward money to anyone who can give information to authorities that will lead to

the arrest and conviction of the killer or killers of Hai Ren Li and Cheng You Li. "We want justice for the victims," said the businesswoman, who asked not to be identified for security reasons.

The businesswoman, who claims a close relationship with Hai Ren Li's family, said she could feel the pain of the wife, who has been crying all day and night since she came to Saipan last Nov. 8, a week after the killing.

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Govt arrears with CUC now at \$27M

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REPORTER

Government accounts collectively owe the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. a total of \$27.058 million as of Oct. 28, 2014, according to CUC executive director Alan Fletcher.

"These include past arrears and payments that haven't been collected

from government agencies," Fletcher told CUC board members at their last board meeting.

» CUC collectibles total \$32M

The central government itself owes a total of \$3.607 million, Fletcher said. Of that amount, \$3.157 million represents uncollected past arrears.



Fletcher

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has a total balance of \$13.484 million, of which \$13.042 million is past arrears.

The Public School System has a total balance of \$8.266 million, with \$8.118 million representing past arrears.

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FOR 113TH CONGRESS

Kilili not losing hope on immigration bills

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) is not about to lose faith in the remaining days of the lame duck 113th U.S. Congress, and still hopes that three of his bills that involve CNMI immigration will pass before the U.S. House of Representatives adjourn next month.



Sablan

"I've got eight days to do this. We've done everything. We've crossed our t's and dotted our i's. We have three versions of the legislation. There maybe a fourth way and one is at the desk and ready for calendar. It's just a matter of the Speaker [John Boehner] calendaring it," said Sablan during an interview with reporters Wednesday at

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Local

Judge: No cause to join Tan Holdings in Saipan Air suit

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has denied Saipan Air Inc.'s motion to join Tan Holdings Corp. as real party in interest in connection with Saipan Air's racketeering lawsuit against Swift Air executives.

In an order on Tuesday, Manglona said joinder under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 17(a) would be improper since Tan Holdings is not a real party in interest.

Rule 17(a) requires that "the party who brings an action actually possess, under the substantive law, the right sought to be enforced."

Manglona said all the claims asserted in Saipan Air's complaint arise from alleged fraudulent misrepresentations made to an officer of Saipan Air, not Tan Holdings.

Manglona said the ACMI agreement bound Saipan Air, not Tan Holdings, to pay a security deposit.

ACMI refers to an agreement entered by Saipan Air in April 2012 to lease from Swift Air aircraft, crew, maintenance, and insurance.

Tan Holdings Corp., the parent company of Saipan Air, wired \$900,000 into a Swift Air account as a security deposit on April 7, 2012. It then wired an additional \$376,000 to Swift Air on May 25, 2014.

Manglona said the fact that Saipan Air essentially borrowed money from Tan Holdings to make good on its obligations un-

der the ACMI Agreement doesn't give Tan Holdings the substantive right to enforce any claim that Saipan Air may have against defendants Boris Van Lier, Donald A. Stukes, and Jeffrey Conry.

Manglona said the defendants are not at risk of being liable to Tan Holdings for fraud and fraud-related claims based on the facts alleged in this action.

On Sept. 25, 2014, the defendants sought for a summary judgment on all claims asserted by Saipan Air. One of their arguments is that Saipan Air cannot show it suffered damages because the wire transfers came from Tan Holdings, not Saipan Air.

Saipan Air responded that Tan Holdings merely advanced the funds, with the understanding that Saipan Air would reimburse them.

Saipan Air also noted that prior to the filing of the lawsuit, Tan Holdings orally assigned its rights to Saipan Air, and that on Oct. 15, 2014, this assignment was memorialized in writing.

Manglona said the parties agree that Saipan Air is the real party in interest and that if they are right, then there is no cause to join Tan Holdings.

Saipan Air has filed a \$50 million racketeering lawsuit against Van Lier, Stukes, and Conry for fraudulently inducing the company to transfer money and other assets to Swift Air.

The three were employees, officers, or advisers of Swift Air, an Arizona corporation. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Airport disaster drill planned for next year

According to the Commonwealth Ports Authority, its Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting division plans to kick off meetings in early December among its personnel, then with CPA personnel and stakeholders to prepare for the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport's Triennial Disaster Drill Exercise expected sometime in April 2015.

This will be a full-scale exercise for the Saipan airport, with the Rota airport included as well, according to CPA. There will be progressive meetings and tabletop exercises in preparation for the drill exercises.

The triennial disaster drill is required to meet Federal Aviation Administration compliance and review certifications. *(Dennis B. Chan)*

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House passes bill honoring 2014 Teacher of the Year

The House of Representatives on Tuesday passed a House resolution that honors Marvin Slone Tamangided for being named 2014 CNMI Public School Teacher of the Year.

House Resolution 18-65, authored by Rep. Teresita A. Santos (R-Rota), was passed by the House committee of the whole.

"I would like to extend my gratitude to all the House members for adopting Mr. Tamangided's resolution," said Santos following the passage

of the resolution.

The resolution states that Tamangided became a middle school classroom teacher at Dr. Rita H. Inos Junior/Senior High School in 2010 and originally taught 7th and 8th grade Language Arts, Social Studies, and Business Math.

From school year 2012 to 2013 though, Tamangided took on additional responsibilities, becoming a 7th grade English Language Arts e-teacher under the Distance Education Online program for the CNMI Public

Rota airport in need of tractor for grounds

Commonwealth Ports Authority board director Barrie Toves would like funding for a tractor to maintain grounds within and outside the perimeters of the Rota International Airport.

Right now, he said parts of the airport's tractor are obsolete. He said insects in the tall grass cause birds to congregate in the area.

"We want to be able to mitigate that. Our staff down there won't be able to do that if we don't have adequate equipment," he said.

According to him, CPA's finance committee agreed to fund this tractor through a supplemental budget request after it

was taken out of the proposed 2015 budget. The funding was not included in the \$185,345 supplemental budget approved by the CPA board this week through surplus from CPA's airport gross revenue fund but the finance committee stated they would work on the matter.

Toves said Rota asked earlier that CPA's financing and accounting work with Rota to find three quotations and from there work toward a supplemental budget. He said he was surprised that that did not happen at the board meeting this week. (Dennis B. Chan)

School System.

The House resolution states that Tamangided won the 2014 CNMI-wide PSS Teacher of the Year plum among a

field of 20 outstanding public school teachers.

The award was given to Tamangided during the 2014 Public School System banquet held

Oct. 29 at the Royal Taga Hall of Saipan World Resort.

Tamangided is in his fifth year teaching on Rota. He is originally from Saipan, having

attended Garapan Elementary School, Hopwood Junior High School, and Marianas High School before heading to Guam for college. (Mark Rabago)

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Other government agencies owe a total of \$1.7 million, of which \$1.025 million is past arrears.

"So far, the government agencies are paying some of the past arrears but in little amounts. They have been keeping up monthly but not everything," Fletcher said.

Fletcher said that CUC billed government agencies a total of \$2.312 million for the month of

September but collected only \$597,509.75, which is a quarter of what needs to be collected.

In an earlier interview, Fletcher told *Saipan Tribune* that they are still struggling financially despite the \$10 million infusion from Best Sunshine International that was credited to the accounts of residential customers.

"The residential and commercial accounts are keeping up and we have been collecting more, but the government still has more to work on paying back," Fletcher said.

"We continue to struggle

financially due to a struggling economy and with current account receivables of \$32 million [\$27 million from the government] in unpaid utility bills. CUC has no working capital and no reserves to ride out long periods of non-payment, which results in underfunded operations, such as deferred maintenance, lack of supplies for typhoon readiness, and lack of monies for capital improvements and stipulated order projects," Fletcher said.

These fiscal and operational

limitations combine to pressure CUC's operational stability and its ability to meet the requirements of the stipulated orders and puts CUC in a fragile financial position.

"These shortfalls create added pressure on operational funding and continue a practice of short-term crisis management to the detriment of consumers and CUC's ability to meet stipulated order requirements. If we could collect the account receivables quickly, consumers will likely see a decrease in utility bills," Fletcher said.

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She said the ashes of the victims are expected to be taken back on Monday to Saipan from Guam, where the bodies were cremated. The wives and chil-

dren of Hai Ren Li and Cheng You Li will then bring the ashes to Fujian Province in China.

According to the autopsy, Cheng You Li's cause of death was due to multiple lacerations and wounds inflicted primarily on his neck.

Hai Ren Li's cause of death

was from a skull fracture due to blunt force trauma.

The victims were last seen in the afternoon of Oct. 31 when they left their respective homes in As Lito and San Antonio to work at their farm in As Gonno between 12pm and 2:30pm.

On Nov. 1, a group that helped

in the search found Hai Ren Li's Toyota Tacoma abandoned under some *tangan-tangan* trees a few steps feet from the side of Magisa Drive in As Gonno.

The following day, Nov. 2, searchers found the victims' bodies at the old airport runway in Koblerville.

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an interview earlier this week on Saipan.

Sablan, who is a corporate consultant of Tan Holdings, said the honor brought him to tears, as there were a lot of men and women in uniform who stood up and applauded him after he finished his impromptu speech.

"I was pleasantly surprised. The people who attended were pretty high-ranking people in the military. Rear Adm. Babeth 'Beth' Bolivar was there and the general from the Air Force, Brig. Gen. Andrew J. Toth, was also there."

Bolivar is the commander of Joint Region Marianas, while Toth is the base commander of Andersen Air Force Base.

In all, around 200 people attended the Birthday Ball and 75 were military.

"It was very moving. Normally at a Birthday Ball, the crowd gets a little rambunctious, as they want to have their chow. But that evening, when he was telling his story, you could hear a pin drop and I had numerous people come to me afterwards and say to me that the way he told the story made them feel they were with him that day,"

said Zimmerman.

Sablan's speech pretty much condensed the story *A Baby Cried* that was featured in the *Leatherneck* magazine in its November 1979 issue.

"Three weeks after being in the cave, three young local men went down before sunrise to get some sugarcane, only to find out that they would run into a Japanese military. So they hid in the sugarcane fields until the Japanese military completely disappeared. Then they rushed back to the cave but by then the sun was up already. So what happened was the U.S. Navy ships offshore saw people crawling on the bare hill because it was burned down and they started shooting. The ships started to shoot at the general location where the three boys were spotted."

Later, the U.S. military sent three Marines—John Sullivan, Gene Engel, and George Prevost—to check on the hill.

"When they went up there, they looked around and they couldn't locate the boys and they couldn't see anybody other than the crucifix at the side of the hill. We heard voices back and forth from the three Marines. After some 10 minutes or so the baby cried inside the cave. Immediately they knew that was the general direction

where the noise was coming from. So the three Marines spread, one went up to the top of the cave, the other one went up to the right side of the cave, and Mr. Sullivan, the third person, had his hand grenade ready to throw in."

Sablan said that Sullivan then yelled out in broken Japanese: "Without worry come out."

Sablan said his father, Elias (who later became the first mayor of Saipan), and his oldest brother immediately jumped out and held their hands up and his father said, "I surrender."

"One of the Marines said 'Oh you speak English' and my Dad said 'A little bit.' The Marine said, 'By any chance your name Elias P. Sablan?' My Dad said 'yes' and the Marine said, 'We've been looking for you because we needed people to help us interrogate the prisoners of war.'"

After that, Sablan said, his family got to spend the next three or four days at the prisoners of war camp, while his father worked with the military interrogators.

After his father helped with the interrogations, he and his family were finally moved to Camp Susupe where the present Marianas Business Plaza (Nauru Building) is now located.

"Then four days later Kilili (Gregorio San Nicolas Sablan) was discovered. You should've seen the camp when Kilili came. He's the second guy who spoke English on Saipan and the grandfather of our congressman [Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan] and he was speaking in English and he said 'I know we're going to win this war.' You just couldn't begin to imagine the proud action of the people in the camp."

At the time these incidents happened, Sablan was just 12 years old.

Sablan said the three Marines and the local survivors from the cave—all 35 of them—would forever be intertwined because of what happened that fateful day in the latter stages of the War in the Pacific.

He himself would reunite with Sullivan, Engel, and Prevost over the years and have remained lifelong friends until their deaths recently. Despite that, Sablan said he still keeps in touch with the Marines' children.

Toward the end of his speech Sablan said, "The three Marines that got us out of the cave during the war that liberated us from the hills are with me tonight in spirit. It is their effort that I'm recognized tonight as your guest of honor."



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D&Q Distributors donates boxes of SPAM to CNMI Operation Homefront Support on Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2014. In photo from left to right: Hyatt Regency Saipan food and beverage director Tyrell Paulling, Operation Homefront founder Geri Willis, D&Q general manager Max Kretzers, D&Q sales manager Marilyn Marron, and Operation Homefront organizer Nola Hix.

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his Susupe office.

Sablan's bills would extend for five years the bar on applications for asylum in the Northern Mariana Islands, the exemption for Guam and the Northern Marianas from the national numerical cap on H visas, and the E-2C visa for investors grandfathered in from the Commonwealth's immigration laws.

"For six years I've been working on these bills. My work has been sort of focused on helping the legal residents or third country nationals who are legally here in the Northern Marianas."

Sablan said the things that need to be done specifically for the CNMI must be done by legislation.

"They estimate that there are 11 million in the country who have no legal status and that's the problem. Congress has not done anything to fix the problem."

He reiterated that President Obama's executive order on immigration will only cover undocumented residents in the CNMI, as the islands' CW and E-2C visa holders as well as those paroled by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services are legally residing in the Commonwealth.

"The President's action does not provide pathway to citizenship or green card to CW, E-2C investors, or anyone who has parole. This action does not change their status in anyway. But what it would do I think is it would require people to come out of the shadows. There are people here who are overstayers and out of status because I don't think we have people here who crossed the border illegally. These are the people who can come in and apply."

Sablan said the so-called "DREAMers" are also included in Obama's executive action on immigration.

"[The EO also covers] those who arrived before they were 16 years of age, the 'DREAM-

ers' basically. For these people there will be deferred action. That means they will not be deported. They can step forward and apply and follow all the conditions of the program. They would be able to stay and apply for work authorization so they can work legally, pay taxes, and pay into social security and Medicare."

Sablan said the program's deferred action and work authorization would be good for three years. Application for deferred action for parents should be available within 160 days, while deferred action for childhood arrivals would be available within 90 days.

Currently there are no estimates on how many undocumented residents are in the CNMI, but former governor Benigno R. Fitial used to claim that there are as many as 6,000 "illegal aliens" in the islands.

Sablan also clarified that whenever he talks to his constituents in the CNMI, which includes everyone, he lays out options they can choose on what path to take when it comes to immigration issues.

"I'm not allowed to offer advice to everyone and I've never advised anyone on what they can or what they should do. I do provide information on their options."

In the case of E-2C investors, Sablan said they could apply for CW status, and then reapply for E-2C if his bill passes Congress. He also said E-2C visa holders can also apply for the EB-5 program if their investments since 1990 exceed \$500,000.

As the 11th hour of 113th Congress ticks on, Sablan said anything could still happen and reiterated that he has not lost hope that any of his immigration bills for the CNMI will pass.

"I can't guarantee anything but the last time there was a bill on minimum wage and it happened two days before. So it can happen. I'm very optimistic. Whether we like it or not, this is an immigration issue. So it's difficult. It's ready for a decision and it's ready and it's ripe."

Regents complete evaluation of NMC president

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REPORTER

The evaluation of Northern Marianas College president Dr. Sharon Hart was completed last Tuesday but there's no telling yet if she will be offered a new contract.

In an interview, Board of Regents chair Frank Rabauliman called the role of president "critical" to the college's success and emphasized the importance of stability in regards to leadership at the college.

"We were cited for instability with regards to leadership [by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges]. Obviously, we would like to see stable leadership. Two years ago, we wanted to prove and demonstrate to the ACCJC that we have matured and we need to ensure the leadership remains," he said.

Rabauliman, for his part, could not comment on how Hart did on the evaluation as it is a personnel issue. On Tuesday, each regent submitted an approved presidential evaluation instrument, according to Rabau-



Hart

liman.

The board evaluates the NMC president annually based on goals and objectives they

both agree on the previous year.

Last fiscal year's end goals for NMC included secured reaffirmation of accreditation, which was achieved this year in February. NMC was also approved for a six-year accreditation with

» Board chair emphasizes stability

the WASC Senior College and University Commission in July.

Other goals assessed in the evaluation included priorities in student success, continuous quality improvement, and the CNMI workforce.

Rabauliman said he would be compiling the evaluations into one report to be shared with Hart at the next board meeting, expected in December.

Rabauliman described Hart's role as "critical." He added that the board has but one staff and that is the president, who comes up with the procedures to carry

out the policies of the board.

"She is essentially the one running the college. The board pro-

vides the direction," he said.

Hart's contract was renewed for two years in 2013. The evalu-

ations marked the second-half of her second term at the college.

An election of officers for the

board is expected in December's board meeting, according to Rabauliman.

CUC down to one potential CFO

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REPORTER

The search for a new chief financial officer for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. may very well be over after three long months of screening candidates for the position.

According to board chair Dave Sablan Jr., the agency has finally narrowed its choice to one applicant.

"I believe we are now down to one applicant and we're just waiting on some information

from that applicant," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

In an earlier interview with CUC executive director Alan Fletcher, he said: "We have been actively recruiting candidates for this position. Interviews had been held and we have three applicants successfully vetted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency." Fletcher said they are also looking into possible candidates for a deputy executive director.

As part of stipulated orders no. 1, EPA requires that CUC has a complete management

structure for the public utilities agency.

About eight positions are defined in stipulated order no. 1. Three of the eight positions remain unfilled: the deputy executive director, the CFO, and the drinking water and wastewater division manager.

"Although we may lack a CFO, our acting CFO is quite experienced and is handling everything for now and we will be waiting for our new CFO after EPA notifies us," Fletcher said.

CUC's former chief finan-

cial officer, Charles Warren, resigned on July 18, 2014.

Since that time, Joanne Paraiso a certified public accountant, had been appointed acting CFO. With 10 years of management level of utility experience, Paraiso has been working directly with stipulated order issues and has been responsible for managing about \$70 million in grant monies received by CUC.

According to CUC, two qualified candidates are now being vetted by EPA for the deputy director positions.

The drinking water and wastewater division manager is still being recruited for the position.

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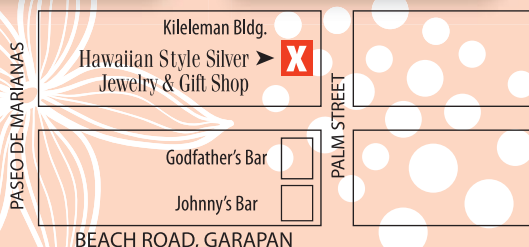
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CPA panel narrows options for concession agreements

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REPORTER

A duty free retail concession program for the CNMI's ports is "off the table," according to Barrie Toves, Commonwealth Ports Authority board member, who cited its short length of five years.

Toves chairs the ad-hoc committee in charge of presenting a draft report on the options the CPA board has with its concession program in the years to come.

The incumbent concessionaire right now is Duty Free Shoppers. In an interview, Toves said the ad hoc committee would not recommend "option 2," or a duty free retail concession agreement

laid out by consultants Ricondo & Associates in a report.

The first option would be essentially status quo, and would open negotiations for a master concessionaire agreement between DFS and CPA. The second option, now "off the table," would open up a bid process for competing concessionaires but would limit agreements to five years.

The third option is similar to the second but would stipulate a prepayment of rent to fund capital improvement projects CPA might plan. Also, unlike the second, it is not limited by Commonwealth code to five years but may be as long as 20.

The five-year limit in the second option appears to be

the reason why the option will be "off the table" in Toves' report to the board.

Ricondo earlier said an agreement of this length "would prevent a concessionaire from investing in a product of a high enough quality."

It is in the best interest of the Commonwealth, Toves said, to engage in a master concession agreement with a concessionaire. He clarified, though, that he "is not saying that it will be with the incumbent" DFS.

In a board meeting this week, Toves announced that the committee is "very close" to completing its draft report for the board to consider. He asked the board for a "little more time" to finalize it.

The committee plans to meet again on Dec. 5, he said.

Toves said they expect to

present the report to the board for action at a proposed Dec. 12 board meeting. The board

heard his recommendation and chose to defer action until then.

How to make mistletoe



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Step 1: Paint the foot. Jacqueline Fong, a parent of two Brilliant Star School students, applies paint to the bottom of student Avalon Fryling's foot in order to make a print.

The class is making Mistletoe Christmas ornaments to sell at Brilliant Star School's annual Holiday Bazaar to be held on Dec. 7 at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan, from 9am to 4pm.

The annual event showcases the arts of local artists and wares of other vendors, and allows island residents and visitors to buy unique and beautiful gifts for the holidays.

Throughout the day entertainment will be provided by a variety of local performers.

Parents who want to have a little personal shopping time can drop their child off in the



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STEP 2: Make an impression. Addison Pauling, a student in Mei Demapan's class at Brilliant Star School, places her painted feet on paper to make an impression of the Mistletoe. Susan Book Baetge helps keep her legs steady.



STEP 3: Mistletoes!

arts and crafts area, where the children have their pick of a variety of art projects.

Shoppers have a chance to win items such as beautiful handmade jewelry, local artwork, and gift certificates from local restaurants in the hourly raffle drawings.

"It is my favorite event to organize [and] I look forward to this event all year," said Richard Sikkel, principal of Brilliant Start School. "This event gets us all in the holiday spirit." (PR)

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Alleged meth supplier agrees to testify vs co-defendant

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REPORTER

Xing Bo Fang, a man tagged by authorities as the leader of a group of meth suppliers on Saipan, is cooperating with the U.S. government and is willing to testify against the alleged second-in-command of a group of "ice" distributors.

David G. Banes, as counsel for Fang, and assistant U.S. attorney Ross Naughton disclosed

that as part of Fang's cooperation with the U.S. government he has agreed to testify against co-defendant Yu Hua Wang.

Banes and Naughton said Wang's trial has been taken off calendar due to the ongoing evaluation of his competency to stand trial.

It may take up to 60 days to complete Wang's evaluation, said Banes and Naughton in a joint motion to continue Fang's sentencing.

Fang has pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine as part of a plea deal.

The offense carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment, a \$10 million fine, and a \$100 special assessment fee.

Fang's sentencing was origi-

nally set for July 11, 2014. His sentencing is presently set for Dec. 2, 2014.

Banes and Naughton said until Fang either testifies at trial, or Wang pleads guilty or is found incompetent, the U.S. government cannot properly evaluate the level of Fang's

cooperation, including an evaluation of if Fang qualifies for "substantial assistance" to the government.

Last June, as a result of Fang's guilty plea, the federal court ordered the forfeiture of \$8,500 in cash that was seized from him.

According to the factual

basis of the plea agreement, on Dec. 27, 2013, Fang sold 98.7 grams of methamphetamine hydrochloride to a Drug Enforcement Administration confidential source at the instruction of Wang.

Fang and Wang were among seven persons arrested in February by joint local and federal law enforcements for "ice" distribution.

'Proper time to meet Inos-Torres will come'

Independent gubernatorial contender Heinz S. Hofschneider has yet to accept several personal invitations and news reports urging a meeting with Gov.

Eloy Inos and lieutenant governor-elect Ralph Torres out of respect for Hofschneider-Yumul supporters, the Thanksgiving holiday, and the absentee voters and the fact that very important issues remain

open pending resolution.

"Ray and I spoke to lieutenant governor-elect Ralph Torres on election night so this isn't an act of disrespect to the incumbents, but an act of consideration for our supporters, some of whom have yet to have their ballots counted," Hofschneider said. "I have spent the last few days meeting with those



Hofschneider

who have supported me and Ray throughout our campaign to thank them for their support and assure them that we remain committed to achieving the changes we sought in the election."

"Our supporters are feeling a tremendous loss," Hofschneider added. "I've been meeting with many of them on a personal basis to comfort them, to offer my and Ray's help in any way that we can. The Thanksgiving holiday also offers time for reflection on our many blessings and is time to connect to our family and our supporters—many of whom have become family over the course of the elections."

"It is the time of the season to give thanks. That's what we've been doing," Yumul said. (PR)

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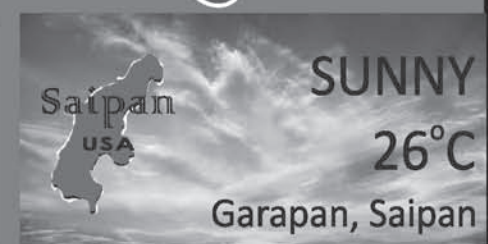
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UMDA says lawsuit against Wickline not time-barred

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The United Micronesia Development Association Inc. has asked the federal court to deny former UMDA president and chief executive officer David L. Wickline's motion to dismiss UMDA's lawsuit against him.

UMDA counsel Rodney J. Jacob urged the U.S. District Court for the NMI to find UMDA's claims in the lawsuit to be adequately pled.

Jacob also asked the court to find UMDA's claims for breach of fiduciary duty and unjust enrichment to be within the six-year statute of limitations.

In the alternative, Jacob asked the court to certify the question of the applicable statute

of limitations to the CNMI Supreme Court.

UMDA filed its lawsuit against Wickline "to protect its shareholders from dilution of their interests in the company, to recover substantial damages that UMDA discovered during the course of its investigation, and to stop Wickline from working behind the scene to undermine shareholder confidence."

Wickline also sued UMDA, seeking monetary damages. The court consolidated the cases.

Last month, U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Consuelo B. Marshall dismissed with prejudice UMDA's lawsuit against Wickline. Dismissed with prejudice means UMDA cannot re-open its claims for declaratory relief,

fraud, and wrongful dilution.

In that same order, Marshall dismissed without prejudice UMDA's claims for breach of fiduciary duty, unjust enrichment, and injunctive relief.

The judge gave UMDA up to Oct. 22, 2014, to file an amended complaint.

Dismissed without prejudice allows UMDA to re-file the case in the future.

UMDA subsequently filed its second amended complaint for breach of fiduciary duty and unjust enrichment.

Wickline, through counsel Colin Thompson, filed a motion to dismiss the amended complaint. He asserted that the court has already found that the allegations underlying UMDA's claims for breach of fiduciary

duty and unjust enrichment are "time-barred."

Wickline argued that a two-year statute of limitations applies to all torts, including UMDA's claims for breach of fiduciary duty and unjust enrichment.

Wickline also asserted that UMDA has not adequately pled damages.

In UMDA's opposition, Jacob argued that the plain language of the relevant statutes and the case law by the CNMI Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, the California courts, and the majority of the CNMI Superior Court judges, all support a finding that UMDA's claims are subject not to the two-year statute of limitations for "inju-

ries to the person" but to the catch-all six-year statute of limitations.

"Given the strength and clarity of the legal authority supporting UMDA's position, the court should simply hold that the six-year statute of limitations applies," Jacob said.

As alternative, Jacob said UMDA requests that the court certify the question of the applicable statute of limitations to the CNMI Supreme Court.

UMDA has concurrently submitted a request for such certification.

Jacob said the federal court has not ruled on whether UMDA's claims for breach of fiduciary duty and unjust enrichment are barred by the statute of limitations.

Jacob said UMDA's dam-

ages allegations are more than enough to satisfy the applicable standards under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8.

Jacob said since UMDA's second amended complaint adequately alleges that Wickline willfully and deliberately breached his fiduciary duties to UMDA, and violated his duty of loyalty, UMDA is entitled to seek a refund of the compensation it paid him during his periods of disloyalty.

UMDA alleged that Wickline "willfully and deliberately used UMDA's assets and resources for his own personal use and business ventures."

Jacob said UMDA is not required to plead this claim with specificity, or to provide an accounting of its damages at this time.



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Rotary's Las Vegas Night tomorrow

Blackjack, roulette, Bingo, and Texas Hold' Em kick off as the cards start shuffling and the dices start rolling tomorrow night at the Saipan Rotary Club's 2014 Las Vegas Night. The event will be from 7pm to midnight at the Fiesta Resort and Spa's Hibiscus Hall.

Aside from possibly winning big at the game tables, there will also be a raffle of cash

prizes and a brand new 2015 Hyundai Accent GLS. The cash prizes range from \$10,000 to \$1,000, and there will be indoor prizes as well.

Las Vegas Night is one of the Rotary Club's biggest annual events to finance the club's community projects.

It's a game of chance for everyone so join the fun and support the Rotary Club tomorrow night. *(Jayson Camacho)*

Saipan veterans town hall meeting

The Veterans Affairs Honolulu Office will be hosting a town hall meeting for all veterans on Thursday, Dec. 4, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at the American Memorial Park's Visitor's Center Theater in Garapan, Saipan.

VA Pacific Islands Health

Care System Director Wayne Pfeffer and VBA Regional Office Director Tracey Betts will be hosting the town hall meeting.

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Tan Holdings officials and employees pose for a group photo before planting 150 coconut trees at the beachside of Aquarius Hotel up to Sugar Dock. Tan Holdings held the event in collaboration with Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance, which was represented by interim executive director Brooke Nevitt and program manager Becky Furey.

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Airport plans Ebola facility

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority, in tandem with Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., has designated an "isolation facility" below Gate 2 of the Saipan International Airport for communicable diseases such as the Ebola virus.

Conversations for identifying such an area sprang up between CPA and the hospital corporation amidst the Ebola virus outbreak, according to CPA executive director Maryann Lizama. The area would allow an enclosed space to be set up for a "screening process" by CHC, she said at a board meeting this week.

The area is in the airport's arrival corridor before US Customs and Border Protection section, she said.

She added that CHC re-

quested for the facility not just for cases of Ebola but for other communicable diseases as well.

CHC did not have funding for this, she said, but they have since worked with the CPA engineering office in what they need for a permanent two-part enclosure in the arrival corridor.

"Seeing that CPA is proactive with our traveling public, we want to make that [facility] available," she told the CPA board. The facility for now would come out of CPA's pocket, she said.

The return for CPA, as discussed with CHCC, Lizama said, is that CPA's personnel would be accorded with priority for training and grant funding on CHCC's side for these diseases.

A supplemental budget of \$44,880 for the isolation facility was approved at the board meeting.



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Time for Obama to listen

It's a bit astonishing to think about, but President Barack Obama has now been criticized by three secretaries of defense and one secretary of state who served under him. And, while the message may sometimes have been more implicit than explicit, or more subtle from some lips than others, a seemingly shared concern is that he may be riskily mismanaging our national security.

The most recent words came from Chuck Hagel, who resigned (or maybe was in effect fired) as defense secretary. Some say he was too unsure of himself from the start to do the job right and other analysts chime in that no one with that job is really allowed to perform it under Obama. They say his national security advisors in the White House run things, Pentagon expertise be damned.

Hagel thought those advisors had devised a half-baked Syria policy, said so in a letter, and then, prior to the announcement of his coming departure, showed up on the Charlie Rose TV show with deeper concerns. This former Republican senator who had grave doubts about U.S. involvement in Iraq and was named in part to help reduce our military, suddenly found ISIS on his plate. There was also Russia's reborn imperialism, China's wish to rule more of Asia, the issue of Iran maybe getting WMD, and a realization the military needed to grow, not decline.

The budget cuts he was supposed to be guiding would make the military the smallest it had been since before World War II, and, he told Rose, this nation will not then be ready or capable of doing what we need to do. The job of a leader, he said, is to do what we are not yet doing—getting ready for the future.

He did not specify Obama as the leader he had in mind, and the cuts are due to budgetary combat between Obama and Congress. Republicans clearly share fault here. But it has been reported that Hagel has been upset that Obama wasn't pushing harder to upgrade the budget, and Leon Panetta, who also served as secretary of defense under Obama, went after him in saying he did not have the passion to bring Congress around, as he thinks could have been done.

Panetta also thinks Obama could and should have kept occupying troops in Iraq after the war and, along with former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, thinks we could have done more to help the good-guy rebels in Syria. Hagel's letter on fighting ISIS in Syria is said to have raised questions about whether we were helping or hurting the country's despotic president, Bashar Assad. Another former defense secretary, Robert Gates, has said we will not defeat ISIS with "no boots on the ground," as Obama pledged, although we will soon have 3,000 troops in Iraq.

Among other concerns, Gates agrees that cutting the military the way we are right now is a huge, huge mistake, and that's perhaps the most important defense issue. As big and mighty as we are, we have to stay that way and grow our defense at a reasonable, waste-wary rate if we are going to be able to deal successfully with all kinds of situations that are more than plausible, as Hagel said. Those saying we cannot afford it should know defense spending right now put at 16.3 percent of the budget and is not the crucial deficit threat. The major budgetary issue is entitlements and must be refash-

See TIME on next page



E1T2

In the Philippines, we threw around acronyms. "U.S." (You Ess) instead of the United States was common; "YM/WCA" was never The Young Men's/Women's Christian Association. It was simply the "Y"!

PK was "Pastor's kid" to those of us who grew up in a parsonage, until I heard one in China litter his discourse with "pk." He was unable to explain it fully upon inquiry. It turned out it meant like "vs," the "point kick" when football teams settle a tie!

So I coined E1T2 for "Each One Teach Two," a slogan in my Oral English classes that I coined from Rutgers University literacy teacher Lucille Chagnon's book, *Each of you, Teach Two*. She improves on Frank Laubach's "each one teach one" literacy method. (Google TeachTwo for a methods' conversation.)

Most of my generation remembers C-3PO (See-three-Pee-Oh), a droid programmed for etiquette and protocol in the movie series *Star Wars* built by the character Jedi Anakin Skywalker to accompany astromech R2-D2. Today, G3 smartphones are in everyone's hand.

Droids and androids are no longer foreign to many of us, Droid being a font in the smartphone OS (operating system) Android that Samsung uses to compete with the iPhone. I am a dinosaur among the techy crowd, having forsaken TV and the phone on Saipan where their use was irrelevant and a nuisance. With technology replacing human physiology, however, we can't afford to discard knowledge of how humans "naturally" behave as many of our functions are increasingly getting automated.

I am an oldie. I still remember Harrison Ford's swagger, Mark Hamill's live juvenile innocence, with Carrie Fisher tugging at our testosterone in the first *Star Wars*, but I did not come out a sci-fi groupie. The artform, however, was appropriated by overzealous religious nuts to promote their favored metaphysical themes. We went into time travel, back to the future, or are constantly time travelling!

The term E1T2 is handy but only for ease of memory rather than adding to the long list of shortened long names and phrases. I've written enough of the methodology behind *TeachTwo*, Imaginal Education and Training to say that nothing is esoteric about it.

It follows the standard grasp of the way humans learn and express in words and numbers ideas and thoughts, often not naturally followed in our haste to arrive and promote "meaningful" cultural way of "knowing." Pedagogy tends to short-circuit the process by hurrying to the cognitive level (significance) without bothering to clarify indicative and subjunctive levels. It stops at meaning (ah, but the cognition is ever rich and alluring) without pushing for the "so what?" that invites imperative action.

OK. I lost you there. Briefly, our brains iteratively start at sense

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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experience (see, hear, smell, taste, touch), to emotional response (feelings), then intellectual ideas (thoughts and categories) resulting in behavioral pattern (acts and deeds). The English language labels moods in the indicative, subjunctive, and imperative. I include cognitive as a third one before the imperative, to differentiate emotion and intellect. Others use ORID: the objective, the reflective, the interpretive and the decisional. These four main categories are basic and indisputable, though one understands that they are about one thing regardless of their iteration in their expression, e.g. one can begin with the emotive but ensures that the experience is clear so that meaning and subsequent deeds are understood.

We all share in the academic bias of listening to an expert "who knows more than we do," and we in turn act the same to others. Expertise is measured by onionskins, selfhood on the thickness of wallet, but the truth that journeys our existence is determined by awake individual and not by passing standard tests. In fact, my pedagogical circle does not codify wisdom encrusted in time-honored categories but rather teach others to teach themselves, effectively and efficiently together.

That's the gift of Chagnon and E1T2. The method teaches a pair or trio to be self-taught by knowing how one learns, getting one to be aware of it, and have the confidence to employ it. "Self-consciousness" and the skill of "consciousness of consciousness" are the fancy names but we will stick with "learning how to learn" and "knowing what we know."

For two hours on Monday and Thursday evenings, I converse with those who wish to finesse their oral English around the Ocean View room of the Bass Bar in my neighborhood. Our talk is heavy on "listen and repeat." I ask them to mimic an English song they like and get them to echo the singer's pronunciation and not worry about meaning. We ground them at the five-sense experience level.

I meet administrative personnel at the "One Capitol" Hui Land Corporation (owned by Jardine of Hong Kong so staff welcomes English tutorials) on Saturday afternoons to do the same.

I dream methods and enjoin others in the dreaming. Achievement is in the actual doing. E1T2 is easy. Try it, you'll like it.

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A star show for Saipan's night owls

I've already blown my holiday budget for the year. So for Thanksgiving I thanked my lucky stars for, well, for the stars themselves. After all, they're always putting on a show. Everyone can afford to see it. Yes, even I can.

One of the sky's most famous sights is the Big Dipper. It's playing coy this time of year, but that's the fun: It's only revealing itself to night owls. So, for the night owls out there, including the hardy folks who are working the graveyard shift while everyone else enjoys the holidays, let's take a look at the Big Dipper.

It's going to be a quick look, merely hitting the highlights.

I'll nominate myself for the worst description of the year award. Here's my summary of the Big Dipper: The Big Dipper looks like, well, a big dipper.

This cosmic paint-by numbers picture is defined by seven stars, three of which form the handle, and four of which form the bowl. Whenever you see the Big Dipper, you'll see it in the northern part of the sky.

And this brings us to a star that's the Big Dipper's best friend. I refer to the north star, also known as Polaris. Polaris always stands at true north, and, from Saipan, Polaris is always fixed 15 degrees over the horizon.

With this fact in mind we can employ a neat trick. Here it goes: The early-evening position of the Big Dipper tells you what season it is. This isn't exactly a new insight, given that I've read reference to it in 2,500-year-old Chinese writings.

Keeping in mind that we're talking about the early-evening position, if the Big Dipper is under Polaris, then it's autumn. That's the case right now. Given Saipan's low latitude, the Big Dipper, when under Polaris, is also under the horizon. This time of year it's about 2:30am before the Big Dipper finally hoists itself above the horizon.

That's why it's a sight for night owls at present.

But it's not usually just for night owls. By mid-wintertime, the Big Dipper will migrate to the right side of Polaris for its early-evening appearance; springtime will put the Big Dipper over Polaris; and summertime will put it left of Polaris. So it's not usually stuck under the horizon in early evening.

I am, incidentally, talking about the viewer's perspective here: Right, left, under, and over are used as they pertain to how you see them relative to Polaris.

Anyway, this Polaris and Big-Dipper merry-go-round is a yearly cycle. Now that you know the cycle you can read the seasons from the sky.

We can certainly enjoy looking at the Big Dipper without knowing the names of its stars. After all, our puny little Earthling names are merely arbitrary labels. But I'll note the names anyway. Moving from the tip of the handle to the tip of the bowl: Alkaid, Mizar, and Alioth are the three stars of the handle, and then Megrez, Phad, Merak, and Dubhe are the four stars of the bowl.

If you take a look at Mizar, the second star of the handle, you may note a faint little companion star. This star is called Alcor. The pair, Mizar and Alcor, are called the "horse and rider." Alcor is faint enough to be a good tester for sky clarity. In ancient times it was also an eyesight tester for military candidates, at least according to legend.

As cool as the horse and rider are, the most famous pairing in the Big Dipper comes from the two outer (away from the handle) bowl stars, Merak and Dubhe. If you connect Merak to Dubhe with an imaginary line, and then extend that line for five times the distance between those two stars, you'll land close to Polaris. Merak and Dubhe are therefore called the "pointer stars." This tidy arrangement is depicted, among other places, on the flag of Alaska.

By ED STEPHENS

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The middle five stars of the Big Dipper (meaning all but Alkaid and Dubhe) are moving through space on a common trajectory, sort of a stellar version of fighter jets flying in formation. It's thought that these stars were launched from the same cosmic cradle.

Have you ever looked at the Big Dipper and wondered how far away the stars are? Well, those five middle stars I just mentioned are within a tight band of distance. Estimates for distances vary, but my reference puts these five at about 81 light-years, give or take a few either way.

The two outliers that aren't part of the middle five, Alkaid (tip of the handle) and Dubhe (tip of the bowl), are more distant, at 101 light-years and 124 light-years, respectively.

I'll note that a light-year is about 6 trillion miles. So if you ever want to keep the kids busy on a long trip, you can have them calculate some star miles for you. That'll shut 'em up for awhile, or at least until they learn scientific notation.

If you're working the graveyard shift, the next time you take a coffee break have a look toward the north. The Big Dipper has enchanted people for thousands of years, so you're part of a long tradition.

Re-charting our journey

Without sugarcoating self-inflicted setbacks to make sense of our confused journey in the fragmented discussion on self-government, a conscientious friend and I revisited this and other collateral issues to gauge events that have unfolded.

We started digging into the origin of our mounting pile of self-generated redundancy in disorientation. Is it in the lack of vision and leadership? Is it that these issues are situated "below" our nose and we simply refuse to lower our eyesight so we see them clearly? Or just what's the stumbling aspect of our prized inability to see with a sense of vision?

Is the vacuum of obvious disconnection the result of negligence? Whose negligence? Let's look closely at the concept of self-government and how we've ignored its very essence.

Taxpayers—you and I—pay income taxes that pay for the cost of operations of the NMI government. Therefore, it is a must that our tax money is spent wisely and carefully to ensure that public services are delivered effectively and efficiently.

Debts or otherwise known as "deficit" isn't allowed under the Constitution, though miscalculations occur. But the Constitution says

deficits must be paid in the second year under a new administration.

What are the three most important services we're paying for? They are healthcare for our people through CHC, education for our children via PSS, our safety through DPS and other services as well. Do you think we're getting the services we're paying for dearly? You think this question through and discuss it over coffee with friends and family.

We know the NMI government's budget has decreased significantly as a result of revenues taking a nosedive in recent years. It's struggling to pay its debt with CUC, court-ordered payment to the settlement fund (retirement), cost of operations for the Commonwealth Health Center and other obligations. It's a tough situation that requires critical review and constructive contributions forthwith.

In short, it is our obligation as taxpayers to proactively partake in fostering a fiscally strong government. It's called self-government! The success of the Inos administration is ours to share, its failure equally the same. Constructive engagement is direly needed now!

Is submission a culture?

We left self-government to review what's happening with our people in the villages. We wanted an informed view coming straight from the horse's mouth, so to speak.

Most folks we talked to have some sense of what's happening but refuse to air their views publicly. Is it submission? It must be our ancestors' way of appeasing their colonial masters' dictates. Survival meant submission to protect the future of Chamorros.

Our parents taught this form of behavior that includes not talking back to your elders—respect—for purposes of harmony. No wonder it is so ingrained in our people. It literally suppresses personal freedom of expression. Silence doesn't mean we don't have a mind of our own. But this is handled elsewhere in more casual gathering of folks, young and old.

Through the years we've learned to exit submission. It opens up more room for discussion among members of the community. Its retarding effect, though, is still very strong even among the young and educated. But time and education should slam the door of free expression even wider. I know we have a lot of good minds that could contribute positively, explaining civics issues. I encourage you to do so.

We went back to the days of brotherly safety net where community members pitch into helping and protecting the wellbeing of everyone in the neighborhood. Having grown up in the late '50s and early '60s, we checked if family novenas customarily said during the holiday season is still alive. Sadly, it has disappeared steadily over the years.

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Special to the *Saipan Tribune*

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We regret how it has gone south, its role as a cementing fiber of the local community has slowly lost footing at the base. It has served as a foundation in the spiritual growth and development of our children. It is sturdy discipline that leads into the development of good citizenry. We miss the prayerful gathering, joyful novena songs, kissing the hands of our elderly, and the blessed dinner at the end of the three-day novena.

Truly enjoyed listening to our elderly, especially the tactful use of highly mindful language in their expressions. I especially miss my grandfather's words of wisdom and grandma's or graceful laughter of aunts, uncles and cousins.

The erosion of cultural tradition sails with every tidal shift into the open sea of change. Perhaps our people want it this way. Or in the despondence and indifference part of the indigenous confused equation? It's in dire need of vision and leadership, right?

Granted there are a lot of competing influences that have slowly changed our lifestyle. In the process, we have dangerously adopted some loose attitude in our disposition of most everyday familial issues. Herein lies the greater challenge in terms of how do we regroup to address and hopefully regain our balance atop a bull cart that has been dislodged and careening dangerously in heavily congested traffic.

There are more divorces, drug use among our young people and parents struggling to pull the family together. There are seemingly future prospects for more chaos. Like objects in your rearview mirror, there disappears the days of brotherly safety net. Local discipline of kids has snapped off our grips.

Information technology has also changed the mindset and daily activities of kids everywhere. Coupled with the powerful influence of television and you could tell why the slip in the spiritual and cultural development of our children. Take a closer look at technological gadgets whether in fact it helps kids improve basic core skills in reading, language and math.

All of which brings us back to Obama.

He won't listen to voters in the midterm elections. He certainly refuses to listen to the political opposition in Congress. But can't he at least listen to people he once chose to serve him as Cabinet officers?

LITERARY NOOK

More Under Maples Than Colored Leaves

By JOSEPH 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

maple syrup I always seem to want the best comes from Quebec and Vermont in winter underneath leafless maple trees rhizomes are doing just as they please deep down in the frozen rhizosphere they bring up maple sap year after year and come February to every sugar house the sap comes flowing quiet as a mouse from a spigot drilled into each maple tree bringing maple syrup to you and me it takes many gallons for just a pint to make to pour over your French toast or pancake its scientific name is acer saccharinum go out in the sugar bush to find them

TIME


From Page 10

ioned anyway if we are not to be sunk by debt.

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Partly sunny with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Northeast winds 20 to 25 mph.

▲88° 77°


SATURDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

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SUNDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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MONDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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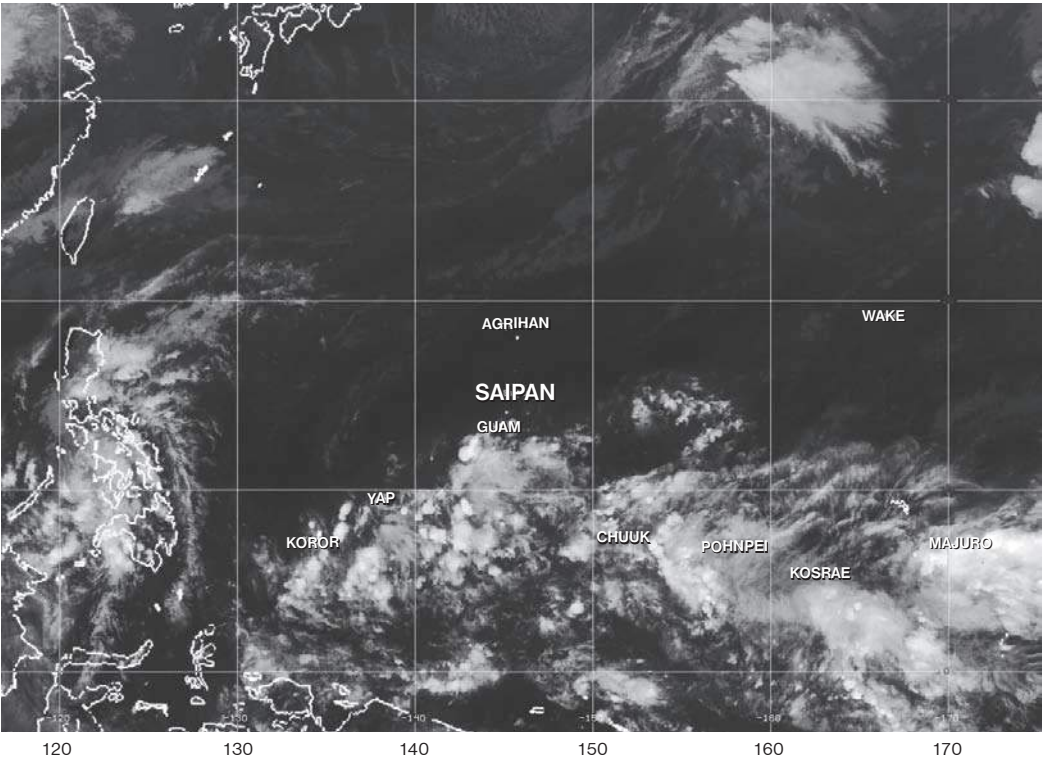
TUESDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

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Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A broad circulation is centered southwest of Chuuk near 2N145E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen on the north side of the circulation over the Republic of Palau, Yap and Chuuk states within 200 miles of a line from 6N135E to 9N145E to 7N152E. A trade-wind surge north of a surface trough extending southeastward from 5N154E to EQ167E is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Pohnpei and Kosrae states within 200 miles of a line from 7N154E to 1N169E. Numerous showers are concentrated within that area within 100 miles of a line from 7N156E to 2N166E just south of Pohnpei and Kosrae. A trade-wind trough extending northeastward from 3N173E to 9N178E is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over the central and southern Marshall Islands between 2N and 9N from 168E to the date line.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼80
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼81
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼81
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼81

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Showers	▲65	▼54
Beijing	Sunny	▲49	▼28
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲78	▼72
Honolulu	Windy	▲79	▼73
London	Partly Cloudy	▲55	▼48
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲85	▼59
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼76
Melbourne	Sunny	▲73	▼52
Miami	Sunny	▲74	▼54
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲40	▼29
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼58
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲60	▼46
Pusan	Showers	▲68	▼50
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲70	▼56
Salem	Rain	▲55	▼51
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼50
Seoul	Rain	▲52	▼38
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲64	▼55
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲38	▼31



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6:55 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet
11:27 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset			
Today	6:25 AM	5:44 PM	
Saturday	6:26 AM	5:44 PM	
Sunday	6:26 AM	5:45 PM	
Monday	6:27 AM	5:45 PM	
Tuesday	6:27 AM	5:45 PM	

Moonrise/Moonset			
Today	11:18 AM	11:20 PM	
Saturday	12:06 PM		
Sunday	12:53 PM	12:17 AM	
Monday	1:39 PM	1:14 AM	
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UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3			UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3		
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7			UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7		
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota			UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7		
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5			UA5038	1:10pm	2:40pm	2, 4 via Rota		
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4			UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5		
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5			UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5		
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7			UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7		
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5			UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5		
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)						GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)					
UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7			UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4		
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)						ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN					
UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7			UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4		
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)						PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN					
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT			DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT		
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)						NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN					
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6			DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily		
DL297	4:20pm	7:05pm	Daily			DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7		
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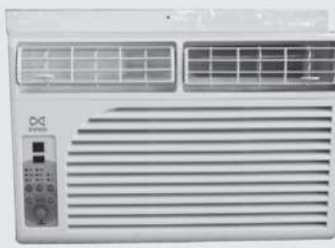
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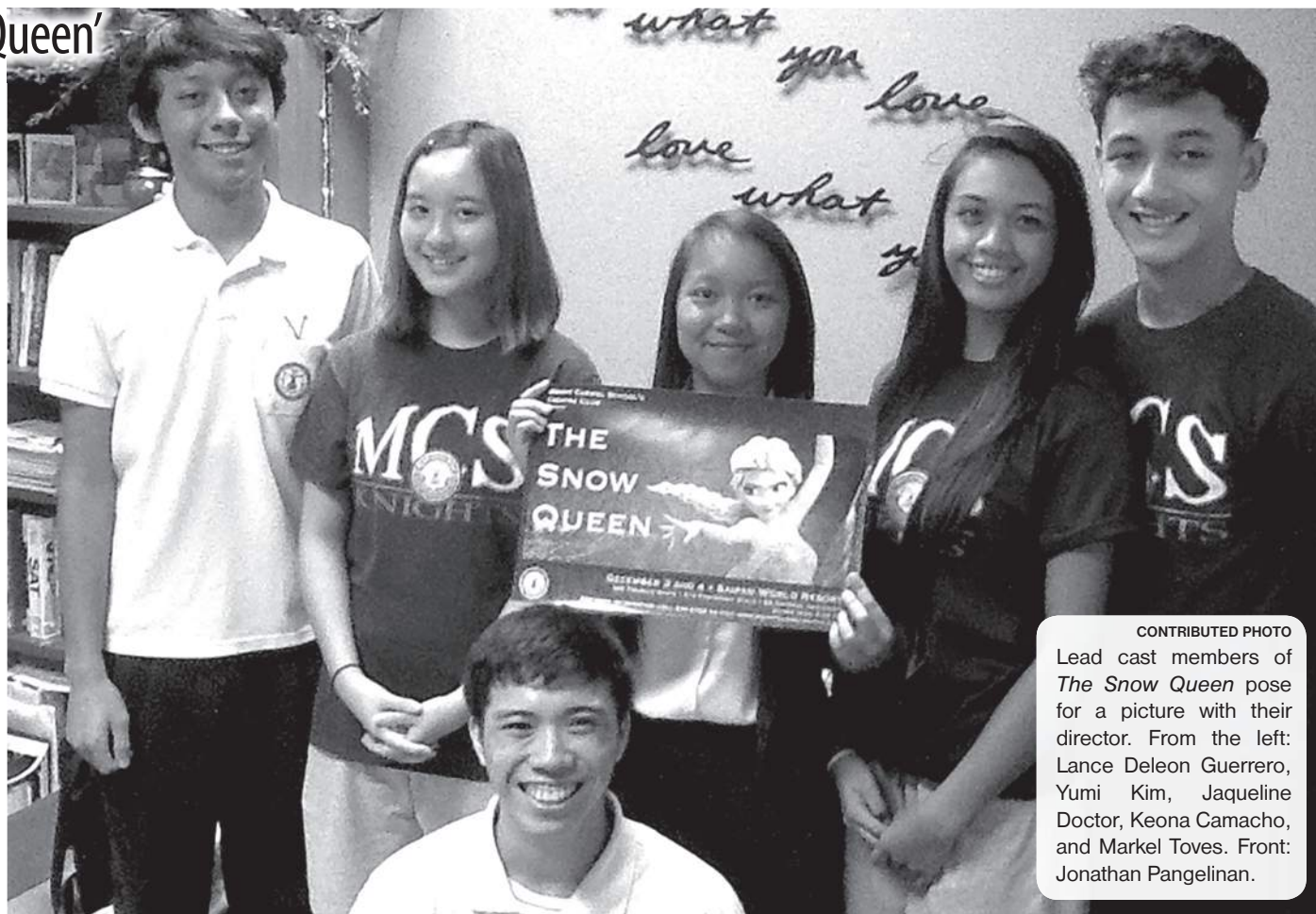
Just in time for the holidays, Mount Carmel School's Theatre Club presents *The Snow Queen*, a musical adaptation of the classic fairy tale by Hans Christian Andersen. Featuring music from the animated Disney movie *Frozen*, *The Snow Queen* will be presented at Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall ballroom on Wednesday, Dec. 3, and Thursday, Dec. 4.

The show is directed by sophomore Jaqueline Doctor, who has been active with the Theatre Club since she was in elementary school. However, while she has acted and served as stage manager, this is her first time directing. When asked about what it feels like, Doctor said, "Directing this show has been exciting and fun, especially working with a great cast and seeing them work together and bloom

into their characters."

She also believes that the show is something everyone should see. "It's fun for the whole family. You can sing along with Elsa and Anna. ... You can totally feel the love through and through."

The show stars Theatre Club newcomer Yumi Kim as Snow Queen Elsa, and club veteran Keona Camacho as Anna, Elsa's sister. The show also stars club veterans Markel Toves, Lance Deleon Guerrero, and Jonathan Pangelinan as Kristoff, Hans, and Olaf, respectively. In addition to its star performers, *The Snow Queen* will also feature several supporting cast members and dozens of elementary students as extras and younger versions of the main characters. Just about everyone in the show, including



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Lead cast members of *The Snow Queen* pose for a picture with their director. From the left: Lance Deleon Guerrero, Yumi Kim, Jaqueline Doctor, Keona Camacho, and Markel Toves. Front: Jonathan Pangelinan.

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crew members, will be included in several choreography pieces throughout the show.

Given the importance of music to the show, Galvin Deleon Guerrero, school president and club adviser, announced that the club has invested in several stage microphones in order to ensure that everyone is heard. "The music and singing in this show are too precious not to be heard, so these mikes will help all our lead actors and actresses," Deleon Guerrero said.

Popularized by the Disney film *Frozen*, *The Snow Queen* tells of a queen who struggles with her magical ability to conjure ice and snow out of thin air,

a power that threatens to destroy her kingdom and her family. Tickets for the Mount Carmel School Theatre Club's production of *The Snow Queen* are available at the school's Business Office for \$25 for premiums seats, \$10 for preferred seats, and \$5 for general admission. For more information, call 235-1251 or visit www.mountcarmelsaipan.com. (MCS)

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation counselors will be conducting outreach at the House of Man Hoben located behind the cemetery next to Susupe Chapel tomorrow, Nov. 29, 2014, from 9am to 11:30am.

Individuals interested in applying for vocational rehabilitation services are encouraged to take advantage of this outreach activity. Normally, orientation and intake/application are conducted at the OVR office on Navy Hill on Tuesdays at 9am. However, in an effort to increase its referral numbers, OVR is also reaching out to unserved or underserved populations.

An applicant is eligible for vocational rehabilitation services if the individual: 1) is an individual with a disability, and; 2) has a physical or mental impairment that constitutes or results in a substantial impediment to employment; and can benefit in terms of an employment outcome from vocational rehabilitation services, and; 3) requires vocational rehabilitation services to prepare for, secure, or retain employment; and 4) has legal status to allow employment in the CNMI or U.S.

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For more information, contact the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation at (670) 322-6537/8; TTY: (670) 322-6449; fax: (670) 322-6536; email: nmidir@ovrgov.net; or P.O. Box 501521, Saipan, MP 96950. (OVR)

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16 young tots to vie for UFO's 'That's My Boy'

By JAYSON CAMACHO

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REPORTER

Sixteen young boys will be vying for the United Filipino Organization's "That's My Boy" competition this Dec. 14 at the Saipan World Resort.

UFO president Annamae Adaza said these 16 boys will showcase their talent and everyone was excited to join the competition.

"Even on the first day of the rehearsal, they were interested. They are into dancing, singing, and some will play musical instruments for the talent side of the competition," she said.

The young boys will be competing in four categories: production number, talent portion, formal wear, and question-and-answer portion.

The top winner will get \$500, the second place winner will get \$400, third place will get \$300, fourth place will get \$200, and the fifth placer will get \$100.

Aside from the major awards,

Training on FDM

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

Dec. 1-4, from 10am to 5pm and 7pm to 11:55pm

Dec. 5, from 9am to 3pm

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the dates and times indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. (PR)

special awards will be handed out as well. These include That's My Boy Friendship, Most Photogenic, Star Award, Best in Talent, Best in Formal Wear, Spirit Award, and Charity Award.

All participants will also receive certificates of participation and other consolation prizes.

"So far we have one major sponsor, Docomo Pacific, but we are still looking for sponsors and donors so if you are willing to donate or sponsor, please contact UFO," Adaza said.

For more details on sponsorship, call Adaza, at 483-5237, UFO secretary Mario Mayuga at 285-1021, event chair Nel Atalig at 233-3854, or event director Ernie Molina at 789-8212.

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Business

3 reasons holiday shoppers will spend cautiously

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO AND
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AP BUSINESS WRITERS

Falling gas prices. Soaring stock market. Unemployment at a six-year-low.

All signs point to a successful holiday shopping season. Despite the economic tail winds, though, retailers are finding themselves having to work to get shoppers into stores.

Why? Five years into the economic recovery, most Americans still are struggling.

Gas prices may be hovering at a four-year low, but Americans are paying more for food, health care and other costs.

Unemployment is falling, too, but wage growth has been stagnant. And even though the stock and housing markets have improved, Americans haven't changed their deal-hungry shopping habits.

"Retail therapy is out the window for most Americans," said Ken Perkins, president of Retail Metrics LLC, a research firm.

Here are three reasons many Americans plan to spend conservatively this holiday season even though economic factors have improved:

SLOW WAGE GROWTH

Paychecks have barely stayed ahead of inflation since the re-

cession ended more than five years ago.

Average hourly wages, adjusted for inflation, rose just 0.3 percent in September from a year earlier. And many Americans, who once worked full time now have part-time jobs. There are still nearly 2 million fewer people working full time in December 2007, when the Great Recession began.

That's one reason shoppers might not spend briskly during the holiday despite the fact that the U.S. jobless rate hit 5.8 percent last month, down 1.5 percentage points from a year ago.

"The unemployment number is a bogus number," said Craig

Johnson, president of Customer Growth Partners, a retail consultancy. "What drives spending is income growth."

HIGHER COSTS

Gas prices have fallen 20 percent from a year ago to \$2.81. While that puts an average of \$50 a month into the pockets of American households, they're still grappling with higher costs on lots of other necessities like food and health care.

Overall food prices are up 1.7 percent from a year ago, according to the latest Consumer Price Index. Meat prices are up 8.5 percent, while egg prices rose 6.7 percent.

While Wal-Mart noted lower gas prices have helped to fuel more trips to the store, it said shoppers at its Sam's Club stores are trading down from red meat to chicken and ground beef.

J.C. Penney's CEO Mike Ullman told investors he expects customers will still be "very savvy" this holiday season even if they have more money to spend because of low fuel prices.

SHOPPERS WANT DEALS

Shoppers may feel a little better about the overall economy, but

they're still focused on a deal. And they're still sticking to lists.

According to a recent survey of 500 shoppers by Accenture, 29 percent said it would take a discount of 50 percent or more to persuade them to make a purchase. Two years ago, that figure was 21 percent.

That's why a number of retailers have been heavily discounting holiday items all month. Many, including Target and Wal-Mart, have pulled forward some of the deals reserved for Black Friday.

YOUR OFFICE COACH

By MARIE G. MCINTYRE

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Balance quick emails with face-to-face conversation

Q: I don't understand why my boss is annoyed with me. As his administrative assistant, I try to be as efficient as possible, but he doesn't always seem to appreciate this.

Last week, when someone called in sick, I sent my boss an email saying this employee would not be coming in. He responded that he would like me to tell him these things in person. I emailed back and said "Do you want me to come into your office now?" He replied "Yes!"

When I went into his office, he said my frequent emails were driving him crazy. He also said that sending an email to ask if I should come in was ridiculous. He apparently wants me to talk to him instead of putting my questions in writing.

This makes no sense, because a short email is much less distracting than someone walking into your office. When I do go talk to him, we waste a lot of time discussing his personal life. Why is he being so unreasonable?

A: Although your manager wasn't very diplomatic, he is really just trying to express a communication preference. While some people want written information, others like to talk. For you, zipping off a quick email is the logical way to convey a short message. But to your boss, writing someone from a few feet away just seems silly.

These conflicting communication styles could reflect a common personality difference. The fact that your boss enjoys personal conversation may indicate that he is a "people person" who relishes face-to-face interaction. You, on the other hand, may be a more task-oriented type who hates spending time on irrelevant chatter.

If your manager is significantly older, there may also be a generational gap. Younger folks tend to view electronic communication as the default option and use talking as a last resort. Some of their elders find this frustrating and ineffective. This is simply a difference of opinion, with arguments to be made on both sides.

The key consideration for you, however, is that this guy is your boss. Given the strength of his reaction, he has probably been stewing about this issue for quite some time. So if you want to be smart about "managing up," you will respect his wishes and communicate as requested.

Q: I commute to work every day with five coworkers. Two of them are always late, so the rest of us have to wait for them. This means that no one gets to work on time. How do we solve this problem?

A: The punctual people in your group are being much too nice. Your thoughtless colleagues will never change as long as their rude behavior is being tolerated. If you want them to shape up, you will need to adopt a different strategy.

Give the slackers a clear warning that they are now expected to comply with the schedule. When they continue to be late, as they undoubtedly will, the group must drive away without them. If you keep this up, they will either learn to be on time or find some other suckers to wait for them.



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Nation

Ferguson grand jury papers full of inconsistencies

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP)—Some witnesses said Michael Brown had been shot in the back. Another said he was face-down on the ground when Officer Darren Wilson “finished him off.” Still others acknowledged changing their stories to fit published details about the autopsy or admitted that they did not see the shooting at all.

An Associated Press review of thousands of pages of grand jury documents reveals numerous examples of statements made during the shooting investigation that were inconsistent, fabricated or provably wrong. For one, the autopsies ultimately showed Brown was not struck by any bullets in his back.

Prosecutors exposed these inconsistencies before the jurors, which likely influenced their decision not to indict Wilson in Brown’s death.

Bob McCulloch, the St. Louis County prosecutor, said the grand jury had to weigh testimony that conflicted with physical evidence and conflicting statements by witnesses as it decided whether Wilson should face charges.

“Many witnesses to the shooting of Michael Brown made

statements inconsistent with other statements they made and also conflicting with the physical evidence. Some were completely refuted by the physical evidence,” McCulloch said.

The decision Monday not to charge Wilson with any crime set off more violent protests in the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson and around the country, fueled by claims that the unarmed black 18-year-old was shot while surrendering to the white officer in the mostly African-American city.

What people thought were facts about the Aug. 9 shooting have become intertwined with what many see as abuses of power and racial inequality in America.

And media coverage of the shooting’s aftermath made it into the grand jury proceedings. Before some witnesses testified, prosecutors showed jurors clips of the same people making statements on TV.

Their inconsistencies began almost immediately after the shooting, from people in the neighborhood, the friend walking with Brown during the encounter and even one woman who authorities suggested probably wasn’t even



at the scene at the time.

Jurors also were presented with dueling versions from Wilson and Dorian Johnson, who was walking with Brown during the Aug. 9 confrontation. Johnson painted Wilson as provoking the violence, while Wilson said Brown was the aggressor.

But Johnson also declared on TV, in a clip played for the grand jury, that Wilson fired at least one shot at his friend while Brown was running away: “It struck my friend in the back.”

A protester is arrested outside of the St. Louis city hall Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2014, in St. Louis.

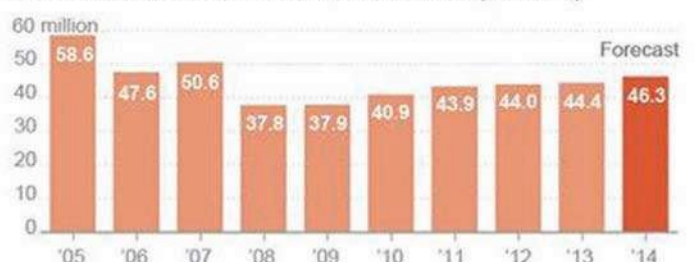
AP

Snow, rain make Thanksgiving travel ‘a little hairy’ for many

Thanksgiving travel forecast

More than 46 million Americans are expected to travel 50 miles or more from home this weekend.

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SOURCES: AAA; IHS Global Insight; Energy Information Administration AP

MINEOLA, N.Y. (AP)—A sloppy mix of rain and snow rolled into the Northeast on Wednesday just as millions of Americans began the big Thanksgiving getaway, grounding hundreds of flights and turning highways hazardous along the congested Washington-to-Boston corridor.

By early evening, more than 700 flights had been canceled, the bulk of them in the Northeast, during what is typically one of the busiest travel periods of the year. Thousands of flight delays were also expected as the snow from the nor'easter piled up.

Some travelers tried to change their plans and catch earlier flights to beat the storm, and major airlines waived their rebooking fees. But most planes were already filled.

Numerous traffic accidents were reported across the Northeast, where by midafternoon the line between rain and snow ran roughly along Interstate 95, the chief route between Washington and Boston.

Schools and businesses also closed in some areas, and state government offices let workers go home early.

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Asia

Rickshaw research reveals extreme Delhi pollution

NEW DELHI (AP)—The three-wheeled rickshaw lurched through New Delhi's commuter-clogged streets with an American scientist and several air pollution monitors in the back seat. Car horns blared. A scrappy scooter buzzed by belching black smoke from its tailpipe. One of the monitors spiked.

Joshua Apte has alarming findings for anyone who spends time on or near the roads in this city of 25 million. The numbers are far worse than the ones that have already led the World Health Organization to rank New Delhi as the world's most polluted city.

Average pollution levels, depending on the pollutant, were

up to eight times higher on the road than urban background readings, according to research by Apte and his partners at the University of California, Berkeley, and the Indian Institute of Technology in New Delhi.

"And you have to keep in mind that the concentrations at urban background sites, where these official monitors are, are already very high," he said. The measures "are actually some of the highest levels in air pollution made inside vehicles anywhere in the world."

The point is particularly important for New Delhi residents, about half of whom live within 300 meters (330 yards)

of a major road. New Delhi, like most cities, places their air monitors far from primary pollution sources like highways or industrial plants so that no single source can affect ambient readings, which are meant to represent an average pollution exposure from all sources.

"Official air quality monitors tend to be located away from roads, on top of buildings, and that's not where most people spend most of their time," Apte said as The Associated Press joined him on a pollution-monitoring ride-along. "In fact, most people spend a lot of time in traffic in India. Sometimes one, two, three hours a day."

Outdoor air pollution kills millions worldwide every year, according to the WHO, including more than 627,000 in India. One of the biggest culprits in fast-growing India is vehicular traffic: Car ownership in the country of 1.2 billion grew from 20 million in 1991 to 140 million in 2011, and is expected to reach 400 million by 2030.

India's new Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken steps to cut down the popularity of cars running on diesel, one of the dirtiest burning fuels, by pegging its cost to world market prices and scrapping a discount that had encouraged diesel consumption.

But experts say that, unless

India raises fuel standards to international norms, pollution levels that are already often deemed unhealthy or hazardous will escalate. Unchecked, today's vehicle trends in India could lead to a three-fold increase in levels of PM 2.5 by

2030 - the tiny particulate matter believed to cause the most damage to human health - according to a study this month by The Energy and Resources Institute in New Delhi, University of California, San Diego and the California Air Resources Board.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Philippines unlikely to meet full-year growth goal

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippines is unlikely to meet its 2014 growth target after the economy's expansion slowed to 5.3 percent in the third quarter. Growth was dragged down by reduced government spending, a decline in agriculture and slower expansion in services and industry. The economy grew 6.4 percent in the previous quarter. Economic Planning Secretary Arsenio Balisacan said Thursday that growth for the first nine months was 5.8 percent. He said hitting even the low of the government's 6.5-7.5 percent full-year target "would pose a big challenge." The economy would have to expand 8.2 percent in the fourth quarter to meet it, and economic managers "will brainstorm intensively on how we can come as close to this figure as possible," he said.

China hit by second deadly mine blast in 2 days

BEIJING (AP)—At least 11 people were killed Thursday in the second deadly coal mine accident to hit China in two days, pointing to continuing safety issues in the industry despite a major decline in deaths among miners in recent years. The official Xinhua News Agency said 19 people were working in a mine in the southern province of Guizhou when an explosion ripped through the shaft early in the morning. There was no immediate word on the condition of the eight survivors. Xinhua said investigators are looking into the cause of the blast at the Songlin mine in the Guizhou town of Songhe. The mine's phone number wasn't listed and calls to government and work safety commission offices in Songhe, surrounding Pan county, and the nearby city of Liupanshui rang unanswered. Thursday's blast follows an explosion and fire early Wednesday morning in the northeastern province of Liaoning in which 26 miners were killed.

Hong Kong police arrest protesters, 7 officers

HONG KONG (AP)—Hong Kong police arrested 11 more people in a second night of scuffles with demonstrators angry at having their 2-month-old pro-democracy protest camp in a volatile neighborhood shut down, officials said Thursday. Police also said they arrested seven of their own officers for assault in connection with the Oct. 15 beating of a handcuffed protester during a violent nighttime clash. None of the seven officers were identified. There was public anger when they were caught on camera apparently kicking and punching the protester in a dark corner of an underpass where hundreds of police were battling activists. In a statement, police denied accusations that their failure to immediately arrest them meant they were delaying the case. Police said they were continuing to investigate and collect evidence.

Greek diplomat dies in fall under Thai train

BANGKOK (AP)—A diplomat from the Greek Embassy in Thailand died Wednesday after she fell under a moving train, officials said. Thailand's state railway said the accident occurred on a train in Kanchanaburi, an area famous for its natural beauty and a bridge built by Western prisoners during World War II memorialized in the book and movie "The Bridge on the River Kwai." It said the diplomat got off the train during a stop to take a photo, then tried to get back on after it had started moving, but failed and fell underneath. It said she was taken to a hospital but was too severely injured to survive. An official at the Greek Embassy confirmed the death, but withheld the victim's name pending notification of her family.

Afghan police: Suicide attack hits foreign convoy

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—A police officer in the Afghan capital says a suicide attacker has targeted a convoy of foreign vehicles on a main road in eastern Kabul. Janagha, an officer in Kabul's Police District 9, says the suicide bomber was driving a car packed with explosives on Thursday morning. No further details were immediately available. The huge explosion shook parts of Kabul, sending a plume of smoke and dust into the air. Kabul has come under almost daily attack in recent weeks as insurgents intensify their war on local security forces and U.S. and NATO troops.

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World

Sierra Leone official: Ebola may have reached its peak

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone (AP)—The Ebola outbreak in Sierra Leone, which has been surging in recent weeks, may have reached its peak and could be on the verge of slowing down, Sierra Leone’s information minister said Wednesday.

But in a reminder of how serious the situation is in Sierra Leone, a ninth doctor became infected Wednesday and the World Health Organization said the country accounted for more than half of the new cases in the hardest-hit countries in the past week. By contrast, infections appear to be either stabilizing or declining in Guinea and Liberia, where vigorous campaigning for a Senate election this week suggests the disease might be loosening its grip.

In all, 15,935 people have been sickened with Ebola in West Africa and other places it has occasionally popped up. Of those, 5,689 have died. The case total includes 600 new cases in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone in just the past week, according to the WHO.

The disease is transmitted through contact with bodily fluids of the sick, putting health workers at particular risk. Dr. Songo Mbríwa, a top military doctor who was working at a treatment center in the capital, tested positive for Ebola on Wednesday, according to Abass Kamara, a Health Ministry spokesman.

Nearly 600 health workers have become infected in the West African outbreak, many in the hardest-hit countries of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone—all of which had too few of the workers to begin with.

Still, Alpha Kanu, Sierra Leone’s minister of information, told journalists in an online press conference that with the imminent completion of two British-built treatment centers, the worst could be over for the country.

“We believe that now that those treatment centers are ready, the transmission of new cases will start reducing,” he said. “I don’t think we can get any higher than we are now—we are at the plateau of the curve and very soon we will have a downward trend, once we have somewhere to take people.”

Sierra Leone has nearly 6,600 of the reported Ebola cases, with about 1,400 deaths, and the infections are increasing swiftly here.

In its release of the latest figures on Wednesday, the World Health Organization said both Sierra Leone and Liberia appeared to be far behind the U.N.-set goal of isolating 70 percent of patients by Dec. 1, with only about 20 percent isolated in each country. Guinea, by contrast, appears to have

already passed that target. The agency warned that data is poor and slow to come in, so firm conclusions are difficult.

Kanu, the information minister, agreed that finding beds for patients had been a challenge in the country and predicted that the new centers would expand the country’s Ebola treatment capacity to 1,000 beds and would help get the infected out of the community.

He also said that Sierra Leone would repeat its September shutdown when people across the country had to remain at home while medical teams went door to door.

In Liberia a further sign of the country’s recovery came when one candidate expressed delight Wednesday at how many supporters turned out for a campaign rally for Senate elections.

WORLD BRIEFS

Freighter with 700 migrants being towed to Crete

IERAPETRA, Greece (AP)—Local authorities and Red Cross volunteers on Crete were racing Wednesday to prepare shelter and food for hundreds of immigrants on a crippled freighter being slowly towed to safety by a Greek navy frigate, a rescue effort hampered by gale-force winds and high waves. A day after it suffered engine failure in international waters, the 77-meter (250-foot) Baris cargo ship carrying some 700 men, women and children trying to enter Europe clandestinely—one of the largest boatloads of the kind in recent years—was being towed at a speed of about three knots (3.4 miles per hour). By midday Wednesday it had covered about a third of the way, and was expected to arrive well after nightfall at the port town of Ierapetra in southern Crete. The coast guard said initial indications suggested passengers included Syrians and Afghans heading for Italy. It was unclear where the Kiribati-flagged ship had set sail from, or when.

American among hostages targeted in Yemen raid

SANAA, Yemen (AP)—U.S. operation forces took part in a rescue mission that freed eight hostages in a remote corner of Yemen, but a Yemeni official said Wednesday that it did not liberate five others, including an American journalist and a Briton who were moved elsewhere by their al-Qaida captors days before the raid. Eight hostages—including a Saudi—were liberated in the joint U.S.-Yemeni operation, a rare instance of American forces intervening on the ground in Yemen. A member of the Yemeni anti-terrorism forces was quoted on a website connected to Yemen’s Defense Ministry, saying that the mission searched for a group of hostages from

several nations in an eastern province, but when the commandos arrived at the cave where al-Qaida militants had chained and covered the hostages in blankets, the American and four others were already gone. A senior U.S. official had earlier confirmed U.S. involvement and said no American was rescued, without elaborating whether the operation had intended to free one.

Israeli leader seeks to revoke rights of inciters

JERUSALEM (AP)—Israel’s prime minister says he will work to revoke residency rights and social benefits of people who commit politically motivated violence and those who support them. Benjamin Netanyahu’s proposal, made in parliament Wednesday, appeared to be aimed at Palestinians in east Jerusalem. East Jerusalem Palestinians have carried out a number of deadly attacks in recent weeks. Arab residents of east Jerusalem are not Israeli citizens, but hold residency rights that grant them governmental health and other social benefits. Netanyahu said that people involved in violence, as well as those who support them, cannot receive Israeli social benefits. “There is nothing more absurd,” he said. Israel has already beefed up security throughout the city and ordered the demolitions of the homes of attackers’ families in response to the violence.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

ISLA FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.,) CIVIL ACTION
Plaintiff,) NO.: 14-0205
v.)
VICTORIA SN. BORJA and) **AMENDED
GENER P. DE JESUS,) SUMMONS
(For Publication)**
Defendants.)

**TO: VICTORIA SN. BORJA and
GENER P. DE JESUS**

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file with the Superior Court any Answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is given to you herewith, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication, and to deliver or mail a copy of your Answer to the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Second Floor, D'Torres Building, Garapan, P.O. Box 504340, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your Answer.
Your Answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.
If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
By Order of the above Court:
DATED November 17, 2014

/s/ Kristy Diaz
CLERK OF COURT
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/s/
JESSE S. PALACIOS
Corporate Director

BEFORE THE OFFICE OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
CENTURY INSURANCE CO., LTD.
Applicant

In the Matter of the Application for Withdrawal and to Permanently Discontinue the Transaction of Insurance Business in the CNMI pursuant to § 20-40.1-210 of the Office of the Insurance Commissioner Rules and Regulations

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO WITHDRAW

Notice is hereby given that Century Insurance Company, Ltd., with business address at JP Center, Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan MP 96950 intends to withdraw and to permanently discontinue the transaction of insurance business in the CNMI, effective December 31, 2014.

All current and existing policies and claims will be assumed by Century Insurance Company (Guam), Ltd., effective January 1, 2015.

Any person who objects to such withdrawal must give good sufficient cause therefore within one (1) week from date of last publication with the Insurance Commissioner with mailing address at Caller Box 10007 CK, Saipan MP 96950.

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(10) Civil Engineering Technicians: \$6.50 - \$8.50/hour OR \$1,300.00 - \$2,700.00/month
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Must be a high school graduate with minimum 2 years' experience as an Auto Body Repairer. Knowledgeable on how to repair and refinish automotive vehicle bodies and straighten vehicle frames.

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Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2-5 years' experience as a Truck Driver with knowledge on how to drive a Tractor Trailer or Trucks that has a capacity of at least 26,000 GVW for various construction materials transportation.

(08) Plumber: \$6.10 - \$7.75/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2 years' experienced as a plumber with knowledge on how to assemble, install, alter and repair pipelines or pipe systems that carry water, steam, air, as well as, various types of liquids and gases. Able to install or assemble heating and cooling equipment, mechanical control systems and sprinkler fitters.

(07) Painter: \$6.10 - \$7.50/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum 5 years' experience as Painter. Knowledgeable on how to operate/tend various painting machines. Able to paint transportation equipment surfaces, such as, automobiles, buses, trucks, trains, boats, airplanes, and etc.

(25) Carpenter: \$6.10 - \$8.50/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum 5 years' experience as a Carpenter. Knowledgeable on how to construct, erect, install, and repair structures and fixtures made of wood, such as, concrete forms, building frameworks, partitions, joists, studding, rafters, wooden stairways, window, door frames, and hardwood floors.

(10) Automobile Electrician: \$6.10 - \$7.50/hour
Must have at least 5 years work related experience. Able to diagnose and undertake electrical repairs on a wide variety of vehicles and heavy equipment. Must be knowledgeable on electric motor, alternator, starter and motor rewinding. Able to perform his/her duties with minimal supervision.

(10) Electrician: \$6.10 - \$7.50/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2 years' experience as an Electrician. Knowledgeable on how to install, maintain, and repair electrical wiring of various equipment and fixtures. Able to install or service street lights, intercom systems, or electrical control systems. Ensures that work is in accordance with relevant codes.

(15) Heavy Equipment Mechanic: \$6.10 - \$8.50/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 5 years' experience as Heavy Equipment Mechanic. Knowledgeable on how to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul automobiles, hydraulics, and pneumatic equipment, such as, cranes, bulldozers, graders, excavators, trucks and conveyors, typically used in constructions.

(40) Heavy Equipment Operator: \$6.10 - \$8.75.00/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2 years' experience as HE Operator. Knowledgeable on how to operate several types of power construction equipment, such as, motor graders, bulldozers, trenching machine, scrapers, compressors, pumps, derricks, shovels, tractors, or front-end loaders to excavate, move, and grate earth, erect structures, pour concretes, and etc.

(40) MASON: \$6.10 - \$8.00/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 5 years' experience as a Mason. With knowledge on how to do smooth and finish surfaces of poured concrete, such as floors, walks, sidewalks, roads, or curbs by using a variety of hand and power tools. Align forms for sidewalks, curbs, or gutters, patch voids, and use saws to cut expansion joints.

(10) Plumber: \$6.10 - \$7.25/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 5 years' experience as a Plumber. Knowledgeable on how to assemble, install, alter, and repair pipelines or pipe systems that carry water, steam, air, or other liquids or gases. Able to install heating and cooling equipment and mechanical control systems, including sprinkler fitters.

(20) WELDER: \$6.10 - \$8.25/hour
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Interested applicants may apply at GPPC, INC. office located at As Perdido, Saipan.
A copy of police clearance must be attached to the application.
Incomplete application will NOT be accepted. Skills, testing maybe required.
Closing Date: December 2, 2014
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COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
Request For Proposal
CPUC-RFP-14-001
CPUC Expert Consultant Services

The Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission (“CPUC”) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from a qualified Firm/Individual(s) to provide consultant services for and on behalf of the Commission in connection with its regulatory oversight duties of public utilities, telecommunication carriers and cable television operators during business within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Scope-of-Work will be e-mailed upon request, to all interested Proposers, by CPUC. Requests for Proposal (RFP) packages may be obtained by email by sending an email request to cpuc.cnmi@gmail.com. The requesting email shall clearly identify the name, address and telephone number of the requesting party as well as specify the name and title of the contact person for the requesting party. **A non-refundable registration fee of One Hundred U.S. Dollars (\$100.00) must be paid to CPUC in cash, cashier’s check or certified check payable to the order of the Commission** to complete the registration and be deemed a registered proposer. The payment may be made by personal delivery to the CPUC office located at the CDA Building, Unit #103, Beach Road, Oleai, Saipan, Monday to Friday, 9am to 1pm. Payment may also be made by certified mail to the following address: **Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, P.O. Box 501219, Saipan MP 96950.** The registration fee shall be deemed paid upon CPUC’s receipt of the funds. For additional information, contact Dave Guerrero by email at cpuc.cnmi@gmail.com or call 235-2782 (CPUC).

A pre-bid conference will be held on **November 20, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.** at the CPUC conference room located at Unit 103, Ground Floor, CDA Building, Saipan, CNMI. All inquiries from Proposers must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (CHST) local time on November 28, 2014** to contact Dave Guerrero by email at cpuc.cnmi@gmail.com or call 235-2782 (CPUC). CPUC will only respond to questions and clarifications from prospective Proposers who have completed registration with the CPUC for the solicitation. The response to an inquiry from a registered Offeror will be transmitted to all other registered Proposers without identifying the Proposer that made the inquiry.

One (1) original and three (3) copies of a proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “RFP-14-001: CPUC Expert Consultant Services no later than **December 10, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. (CHST) local time.** The submission can be by personal delivery or by certified mail or private courier. A submission by mail or private courier must be deposited for delivery on or before **4:30 p.m. December 10, 2014.** A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to cpuc.cnmi@gmail.com **4:30 p.m. CHST local time on December 10, 2014.** Late submissions, conditional offers and incomplete proposals will not be considered. The proposals will be publicly opened at **10:00 a.m. on December 11, 2014** at the CPUC Conference Room located at Unit 103, Ground floor of the CDA Building, Saipan, CNMI.

The proposer is required to submit a copy of its CNMI Business license or a copy of its filed CNMI Business license application within five (5) days upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract. The contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All bidders are advised that CPUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor’s preparation of a bid or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CPUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the bid under this request. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CPUC Procurement Regulations. Contract/s will be awarded to the most responsive proposers, as adjudged by the Source Selection Committee (SSC). CPUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CPUC.

/s/Joseph C. Guerrero
Chairperson, CPUC



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-15-002

POWER SUPPLY RESOURCES

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities to supply reliable, affordable energy from commercially proven electric generation resources for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks responses from suitably qualified entities from which CUC intends to select one, or more, proponent(s) to negotiate long-term power supply contracts that best fit CUC’s power supply requirements. CUC’s requirements for new power supply resources will be determined as part of its Integrated Resource Plan, which is currently underway. More information regarding the Integrated Resource Plan can be found at the CUC’s website at <http://www.cucgov.org/integrated-resource-plan/>.

The RFP documents may be downloaded from the CUC website at <http://www.cucgov.org/power-supply-rfp/>. It is each proponent’s responsibility to ensure they have received all RFP documents posted to this website. An updated checklist will be provided in early January, titled “RFP Document Receipt Checklist and Affirmation” prior to the submittal deadline. In order to reduce the cost to CUC of this procurement and in the interest of sustainable business practices, CUC will not be providing printed RFP materials; all RFP materials will be posted and distributed electronically.

Prospective proponents for this RFP must register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division, by filling out and submitting a Proponent Registration Form by 10:00 am December 15, 2014 in order to be considered. The Proponent Registration Form is posted to the website at <http://www.cucgov.org/power-supply-rfp/> and can be delivered in printed format or electronically via email to the CUC Procurement Contact for Power Supply RFP:

Manny B. Sablan, Jr.
Purchasing Officer
Address: Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Third Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Bldg.
P.O. Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP, 96950
Office Phone: (670) 236-4303
Email: manny.sablan@cucgov.org.

The deadline for proposal submittals is currently scheduled for January 20, 2015, although this date may be subject to change. Changes to the proposal schedule will be posted as addenda to the Request for Proposal documents.

One printed, hardcopy original and five copies of all proposal material and supporting documents (including the Technical Proposal requirements, the Cost Proposal requirements, and all supplementary data requested as part of Appendix A, Appendix B, and Appendix C) must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC RFP 15-002, Power Supply Resources” to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on January 20, 2015. One electronic copy of the Technical Proposal and related documents, and one electronic copy of the Cost Proposal and related documents, in Adobe pdf format on a DVD, also must be delivered with the other printed, hardcopy proposal materials.

Proponents are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the proponents due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of proponents’ preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. Questions or requests for clarification will be considered only from registered proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than December 17, 2104 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email addressed to manny.sablan@cucgov.org. CUC will host a Pre-Proposal Conference and Webinar on December 4, 2014 to discuss the Request for Proposals and answer questions. Information regarding the Pre-Proposal Conference and Webinar will be provided to registered proponents.

Proponents shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proponents.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor’s Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: <https://marianaslabor.net/>. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director

Off the Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Trooper: Driver is lucky dog food didn’t crush him
FIFE, Wash. (AP)—Authorities in Washington state say a semitruck driver is lucky he wasn’t crushed by 50-pound bags of dog food when he fell asleep at the wheel, crashed into a ditch and spilled the kibble. Washington State Patrol Trooper Guy Gill said Wednesday that the driver acknowledged he was sleepy and there was no sign he used his brakes before the big rig left Interstate 5 in Fife, about 30 miles south of Seattle. Gill says the driver was sore but apparently uninjured. He was checked at a hospital as a precaution. Authorities say the driver will be charged with negligent driving.

Passengers in Russia’s Arctic give airliner a push
MOSCOW (AP)—In other countries, you may be asked to give a push to a car stuck in the mud. In Russia, passengers in the Arctic came out of an airliner to the bitter cold to help it move to the runway. A Russian-made Tu-134 with 74 oil workers and seven crew members onboard was due to fly from

the town of Igarka on Tuesday to Krasnoyarsk 800 miles (nearly 1,300 kilometers) to the south when the plane couldn’t move onto the runway. It was -52 C (-61 F) outside and the passengers seemed desperate to get home. Ice on the runway surface caused the plane’s pushback tractor to begin slipping, according to the state news agency RIA Novosti. Eager to help, several dozen men were seen in an amateur video pushing the plane by leaning on both wings. However, the video also showed a tow bar attached to the front landing-gear, suggesting the tractor was doing much of the work.

Houston-area family rescues dog with jug on head
HOUSTON (AP)—A stray puppy with a plastic jug stuck on his head has been rescued—and freed from his headpiece. A Houston-area family says they saw the dog around the property for weeks. The jug, which was open on both ends, was part of a pet feeder in Audra Bohannon’s barn. She believes the dog they call Bucky, short for bucket, got stuck while seeking food. KPRC-TV reports Bohannon planned to take the pup to a veterinarian Tuesday to see if the German shepherd mix has an identifying microchip.



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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

This is to inform all Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC)-approved Contractors (including Tinian and Rota contractors) that we are currently updating our Approved Contractor Listing for calendar year 2015. In order for NMHC to extend your company’s inclusion on our listing for another year, you must submit the documentations listed below. Those companies that are not on our list of approved contractors but wish to be included are likewise encouraged to submit the following:

1. Valid CNMI Business License
2. Current Financial Statements (certified by the principle executive officer and principle financial officer)
3. 2 Years Business Gross Revenue (BGR) Tax Returns
4. 2 Years Corporate Income Tax Returns (1120)
5. Clearance Letter from the Department of Labor
6. Certificate of Compliance from the Revenue & Taxation Office
7. Workmen’s Compensation Policy
8. Name of Insurance Company(ies) Currently Dealing With
9. A list of on-going/completed projects showing name of project, start and completion dates, and contract amounts
10. At least three (3) reference letters from owners of the completed projects
11. List of vendors and suppliers and at least three reference letters from them (CONSTRUCTION QUARRY, READY-MIX CEMENT & HARDWARE STORES)
12. Company background
13. Articles of Incorporation & Company By-Laws, if applicable
14. Annual Report (Registrar of Corporations)

FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS BY DECEMBER 12, 2014 WILL RESULT IN YOUR COMPANY’S ELIMINATION FROM OUR LIST OF “APPROVED CONTRACTORS.”

NMHC encourages Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MBE/WBE) to participate in this Request for Qualifications and that they will be afforded full opportunity to participate and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, national origin, political affiliation, creed, sex, religion, age, familial status, or disability status.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

/S/ JESSE S. PALACIOS
CORPORATE DIRECTOR

Science & Technology

Gift Guide: Lots of tablet choices, oh my!

NEW YORK (AP)—Time for a tablet?

People tend to hold onto tablets longer than smartphones, so take time to weigh your options. A major consideration is what phone you or your gift recipient already has. Although it's possible for Android owners to have Apple's iPads, for instance, there are advantages to sticking within the same system. You often can buy apps just once and share them across both devices, and you don't need to learn two different systems.

Here are some buying tips organized by system. Prices listed are for base models. You can typically spend more for additional storage or LTE cellular connectivity.

APPLE'S iOS

The iPad remains top of the line among tablets. The selection of apps designed specifically for it is unmatched. Those who already have iPhones will appreciate the ability to start email and other tasks on one device and finish on the other. You can even make phone calls

from iPads, if you have an iPhone on the same Wi-Fi network.

The downside is the \$499 price tag for the latest full-size model, the iPad Air 2. Many Android tablets are cheaper. You do get a light and skinny device for the price, with a camera that matches the iPhone's 8 megapixels (though the iPad still lacks a flash). The new Air also has a fingerprint sensor to bypass security passcodes and to authorize online purchases using Apple Pay. It won't work with in-store payments, though.

If you are on a budget or want a smaller device, consider last year's iPad Mini 2 for \$299. This year's Mini doesn't have many improvements over last year's model, except for the fingerprint and Apple Pay capabilities. The convenience might not be worth spending more for the \$399 iPad Mini 3.

GOOGLE'S ANDROID

Android phones and tablets don't let you switch back and forth as easily as Apple devices do. The advantage of sticking with

an Android tablet for Android phone owners is having a unified library of apps.

Samsung's Galaxy Tab S is the best of the Android tablets I've tried. The display uses a technology called AMOLED to produce colors that pop out as you view video or browse the Web. But the Tab S also comes with a high price tag—\$500 for the full-size model and \$400 for the smaller one.

Samsung does offer an even pricier Pro series, with screens of up to 12.2 inches diagonally, but that's really aimed at professionals. Full-size models tend to be nine or 10 inches, while mini

models are seven or eight inches.

At the small and cheap end, Samsung offers the 7-inch Galaxy Tab 4 for about \$180. Book lovers can choose a Nook edition, made in partnership with Barnes & Noble.

Google's \$399 Nexus 9 has the advantage of running an Android version that's closest to Google's vision. Samsung and other manufacturers typically add their own twists, which can confuse consumers. The Nexus does have a wireless chip for in-store mobile payments using Google Wallet, if you feel like waving it around in the checkout line.

I'm including Amazon's Fire HDX tablets under Android,

even though the system's been modified so much that there's little resemblance. App selection isn't as good as what you get on purer Android devices. But Amazon is able to add such features as one-button access to live video help. It is great for first-time tablet owners and comes at a nice price—the full-size model for \$379 and the smaller one for \$179.

MICROSOFT'S WINDOWS

Until Windows 10 comes out next year, there's a huge divide between Windows phones and Windows tablets. Apps aren't compatible, and Windows tablets have more in common with Windows desktops

and laptops. A Windows tablet is best suited for someone looking to replace a PC. In fact, many Windows tablets are just laptops with detachable keyboards.

There are too many models to list, so I'll use Microsoft's own Surface Pro 3 as an example. You type on a touch screen or attach a \$130 keyboard cover. The Surface itself starts at \$799, though configurations go as high as \$1,949 for those serious about ditching the PC. The Surface's built-in kickstand can be adjusted to a range of positions, some better for desks and others for the lap. The best thing about Windows tablets is their ability to run regular Windows software, such as Office and Photoshop. Other tablets have, at best, a light version.

TECH Q&A

Transferring music files to a new PC

By **STEVE ALEXANDER**
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: I have ripped (copied) more than 400 music CDs to my Windows Vista PC using Windows Media Player. From the PC, I could transfer the songs to my MP3 music player. Now I've got a new Windows 7 laptop. How can I transfer all those songs from my old PC to my new one and back up the song files?

A: First, locate the songs on your old PC. When you ripped the CDs, Windows Media Player stored the songs as digital song files in the PC's Music folder. Within that folder, you'll find subfolders named after the artists who created the songs. Use Windows Explorer to copy these folders to a USB flash drive or an external hard drive.

To do this, right-click on a music folder from the old computer and from the resulting menu choose "copy." Then open the flash drive or external hard drive in Windows Explorer, right-click and choose "paste." To save time, you can define several folders at once by opening the Music folder and holding down the left mouse button while you drag the mouse over several folders. The area around the folders will turn blue. Then, copy and paste the group of folders.

When you're done, connect the flash drive or external hard drive to the new computer, copy the song files from the storage device and paste the files in the Music folder on the new PC. You can leave the songs on the flash drive or hard drive as backup copies.

You will be moving a lot of

data, likely more than 20 gigabytes. Make sure that your portable storage device has enough capacity available. If it doesn't, you'll have to move the data in segments. Moving the song files will take from 25 minutes to a few hours depending on the speed of your USB connections.

Q: My new Hewlett-Packard touch screen laptop constantly loses its Wi-Fi connection to my home network. HP's service people tried to do remote repairs by having me connect the PC to my wireless router with an Ethernet cable, but nothing worked. Then, they replaced the PC's Wi-Fi card, but the Wi-Fi worked only 15 minutes before failing. HP now says the problem is probably caused by my Internet service provider, but I doubt that because I have two older HP laptops that work just fine with my home Wi-Fi network. What can I do?

A: Because the replacement Wi-Fi card didn't work, I suspect there's a flaw in the PC's main circuit board. Tell HP that your new PC is defective and that you want to exchange it under your one-year limited warranty, which covers "a defect in materials or workmanship." Under the warranty, HP has the option to "repair, replace, or refund."

Your other options are to connect the computer to the Wi-Fi router by Ethernet cable, or to buy a USB Wi-Fi adapter for about \$40. That adapter would take the place of the Wi-Fi card inside your PC, though it may not work if the flaw is in the new computer.

DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

In Celebration of His New Life

†Edward Lizama Villanueva

Born to life on February 3rd, 1958 and
called to his Eternal Life on November 20th, 2014

Survived by:

Wife: Tina Camacho Villanueva
Children: Kristen (Kalei) Camacho Villanueva
(Jaedyn J. Jones)
Franklin Camacho Villanueva
Edward (EJ) Camacho Villanueva

Brothers, Sisters, In-Laws, & Uncle/Auntie

Thomas Villanueva & Children
Magdalena Villanueva & Juan Cabrera & Children
Miguel Villanueva & Children
Sophia Villanueva
Joseph & Anuncia Villanueva & Children
Ignacio Villanueva & Children
Debra Amalia Diaz & Vicente Teregeyo & Children
Peter & Mina Diaz & Children
David & Cathy Diaz & Children
Elizabeth Cepeda & Roy Cruz & Children
Velma Manalo & Henry Del Rosario & Children
Carlene Manalo & Bill Joseph & Children
Jeremy & Delight Manalo & Children

Peding Sanchez & †Franz B. Reksid
Daniel S. Camacho & Roxanne Diaz & Children
Julie C. & RayAnthony Cabrera & Children
Pamela C. & Victor Cruz & Children
Glenn S. Camacho & Children

Reared Uncle & Auntie: Ignacio & June Villanueva & Children

Also survived by numerous Uncles, Aunties, Nieces, and Nephews

Predeceased by:

Father: †Jose Deleon Guerrero Diaz
Mother: †Francisca Lizama Villanueva
Brother: †Antonio Villanueva

Mass is being said daily at 6:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral.

Funeral for our dearly beloved Ed is on Saturday, November 29th, 2014. Public viewing will be held at 8:00 a.m. and mass of Christian burial will be at 11:00 a.m. at our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral followed by interment and burial services at the Chalan Kanoa cemetery.

Un Dangkulu na Si Yu'us Ma'asi' and Thank you

Tina C. Villanueva, Children & Family

Life & Style

Ex-CBC host charged with sexual assault in Canada

TORONTO (AP)—Former Canadian Broadcasting Corp. radio host Jian Ghomeshi must live with his mother while sexual assault charges against him are heard in a case that has rocked the country's vaunted public broadcaster.

Ghomeshi, 47, was charged Wednesday with four counts of sexual assault and one count of overcoming resistance by choking, Toronto police said in a statement.

The CBC fired Ghomeshi in October after media reports of sexual assault allegations against the star first emerged. Ghomeshi, the host of "Q," a popular radio show on culture that was heard on many public stations in the United States, has denied the allegations, saying he had consensual "rough sex" with women.

Ghomeshi, who first gained fame as a member of the 1990s satirical pop band Moxy Fruvous, was in court Wednesday in his first public appearance since the allegations surfaced. A justice of the peace granted him bail at \$100,000 on condition he turn over his passport and live with his mother. He's due in court again on Jan. 8.

A publication ban on details about the case has been imposed.

Ghomeshi's lawyer, Marie Henein, told reporters outside the court room that he will be pleading not guilty and the allegations will be addressed fully in court. A somber Ghomeshi said nothing.

The CBC said Ghomeshi's



firing was prompted by the emergence of "graphic" evidence that he had caused phys-

ical injury to a person.

Ghomeshi defended his actions in a 1,500-word state-

ment on Facebook then, saying women consented to having "rough sex" with him

^{AP}
Jian Ghomeshi leaves court after being granted bail in Toronto on Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2014. Ghomeshi, a prominent former Canadian Broadcast Corp. radio host, was charged with four counts of sexual assault.

and that he's the victim of a disgruntled ex-girlfriend. After the Toronto Star reported several more allegations days later, Ghomeshi posted that he would confront the accusations "directly," but wouldn't discuss them with the media.

Police urged in late October for other women to come forward and launched an investigation after nine women contacted various media sources to report incidents of assault and sexual assault involving Ghomeshi.

One of the women who contacted police was actress Lucy DeCoutere, a star of the long-running TV and film series "Trailer Park Boys."

DeCoutere was the first woman to speak on the record about her allegations against Ghomeshi. DeCoutere said she went on a date with him and alleges that when they re-

turned to his home, he pressed her up against a wall, choked her and slapped her across the face several times.

In a statement Wednesday, DeCoutere said the Ghomeshi scandal has led to "a major shift" in Canada's conversation about violence against women. "It has been an overwhelming and painful time for many people, including myself, but also very inspiring. I hope that victims' voices continue to be heard and that this is the start of a change that is so desperately needed," she said.

Author and lawyer Reva Seth became the second woman to go public, writing in the Huffington Post that Ghomeshi put his hands around her throat and sexually assaulted her, although it was not known if she was one of the women who filed a complaint to police.

After he was fired, Ghomeshi launched a \$55-million lawsuit against the CBC for breach of confidence and defamation. He dropped that lawsuit Tuesday. A union grievance alleging dismissal without proper cause remains.

Cosby testimony describes accuser's killed story

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Bill Cosby testified under oath in 2005 that he gave the National Enquirer an exclusive interview about looming sexual-assault accusations by a Canadian woman against him in exchange for the tabloid eliminating a second accuser's story.

Excerpts released Wednesday of Cosby's deposition from a civil lawsuit filed by Andrea Constand quote Cosby as saying he feared the public would believe her sexual-assault accusations if the Enquirer pub-

lished similar claims by Beth Ferrier. Both women accused Cosby of drugging and molesting them.

"Did you ever think that if Beth Ferrier's story was printed in the National Enquirer, that that would make the public believe that maybe Andrea was also telling the truth?" Cosby was asked.

"Exactly," Cosby replied, according to court motions initially filed under seal and made available from archived federal court records.

Cosby, in the deposition,

said he had a contract with the Enquirer.

"I would give them an exclusive story, my words," Cosby said in the Sept. 29, 2005, deposition. In return, "they would not print the story of—print Beth's story."

The release of the documents comes after Cosby this month was shown on an Associated Press video trying to persuade the news cooperative not to use his response when asked this month about sexual-abuse allegations.

"I would appreciate it if it was

scuttled," Cosby said in a videotaped exchange with the AP on Nov. 6.

Cosby said in 2005 he had been given a draft of Ferrier's interview with the Enquirer and was told she had passed its lie-detector test. He said he also was given an advance look at his exclusive, titled "My Story," which warned that he would defend against anyone trying to "exploit" him.

Constand later sued Cosby and the Enquirer, alleging defamation. The claims were consolidated with her sexual-

assault lawsuit against Cosby and were settled.

A representative for American Media, Inc., which owns the National Enquirer, said in an emailed statement Wednesday that the Enquirer was "unflinching" in its coverage of the allegations against Cosby.

"We continue to remain aggressive in our reporting today and stand by the integrity of our coverage of this story which we have taken the lead on for more than a decade," the representative said.

Witherspoon goes on a soul-baring ride in 'Wild'

NEW YORK (AP)—Once she'd decided to take on her gritty new role in "Wild," there were a few things Reese Witherspoon knew she DIDN'T want to hear from movie studio executives:

"We want her to be more likable."

"We don't want her to use drugs."

"We don't want her to be profane."

And so, Witherspoon says, she didn't give them the chance.

She developed the film, which follows a hard-living woman's path to solace and redemption via a long trek in the wilderness, outside the

studio system under the auspices of her own production company, with private financing. "And then I took it to the studios and said, 'I'm not changing a word,'" Witherspoon recounts in an interview. "And I had three bids on it that day."

"And I think it's important, you know?" the actress adds. "You grow up, you change—I'm a 38-year old woman now, I have three kids, and I've lived a lot of life experience. It's really important to me that the things I put out into the world are meaningful and

thought-provoking. Otherwise, what am I doing?"

"Wild," based on the best-selling memoir by Cheryl Strayed, is a story of personal catharsis, and listening to Witherspoon,

one gets the sense she was seeking a sort of professional catharsis by choosing it. The role, which has garnered significant Oscar buzz, includes difficult scenes depicting rough sex and heroin use. Witherspoon wore no makeup and spent days lugging a heavy backpack up and down hills.

"By far, it's the hardest thing

I've done in my life," she says. "The physical aspects were really challenging—the elements, the heat, the cold, the water, the rain, 55 locations in 35 days, and carrying that backpack. And there was nothing else to cut to—just me."

Emotionally, it was even harder, she says: "One day I'd be getting divorced. Another, my mother would be dying. The next day I'd be using heroin. It was just nonstop—not even a roller coaster, just a continual descent downward! There are always scenes that I dread, that I say, 'That day's going to be miserable.' And here, it was three weeks of that."

Witherspoon's director, Jean-Marc Vallée, calls the actress "a trouper." As well he should: He noticed that the backpack looked too light and forced her to carry a much heavier one. "And then he just walked away, and I was like, OK ..." Witherspoon laughs. "You can see it digging into my skin. Because it really WAS digging into my skin!"

Vallée says Witherspoon "went out there with no make-up, looking like nothing, on the trail for 65 percent of the film, looking like a hiker, with a heavy backpack on her back. I removed the mirrors in the makeup trailer and she didn't look at herself."



Witherspoon

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Rare Shakespeare folio discovered in French town

PARIS (AP)—The accidental discovery in a small library in northern France of an original first folio of Shakespeare's plays has sent a jolt of excitement around the world of Shakespeare scholars.

The find brings the total of known folios in the world to 233, and is significant as each first folio can contain variations that shed light on the bard's intentions. Among the 900 pages of the most recent discovery are rare annotations that suggest it was used for performance.

The annotations "might tell us something about Shakespeare's reception at the time, how they were thought of as text for performance," said Stanley Wells,

honorary president Shakespeare Birthplace Trust.

Scholars have not yet had a chance to carry out the painstaking comparisons with the texts of other folios to determine what variations the latest discovery may contain.

Remy Cordonnier, the director of the Saint-Omer library's medieval and early modern collection, happened upon the folio among the belongings of a Jesuit evangelist that were bequeathed from a now-defunct Jesuit college in the town.

"I first tried to keep a level head as I wasn't sure 100 percent of its authenticity," Cordonnier said.

Missing were 12 title pages,

which record the printing date and location. So Cordonnier sought the help of Eric Rasmussen, a Nevada-based specialist in Shakespeare first folios, who traveled to the small town near Calais to examine it. Rasmussen concluded that it was among about 750 Shakespeare first folios printed in 1623, seven years after the playwright died.

The first folios are the first complete printed collections of Shakespeare's plays. Sixteen Shakespeare plays, including "The Tempest" and "Macbeth," were not printed in the bard's lifetime—meaning the first folio saved them from oblivion. One first folio in 2006 sold at Christie's for \$6.8 million.



A page of the newly discovered Shakespeare's original first folio is seen in the Saint-Omer library, northern France, Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2014.

Andy Murray to wed girlfriend Kim Sears

LONDON (AP)—Andy Murray is to marry long-time girlfriend Kim Sears.

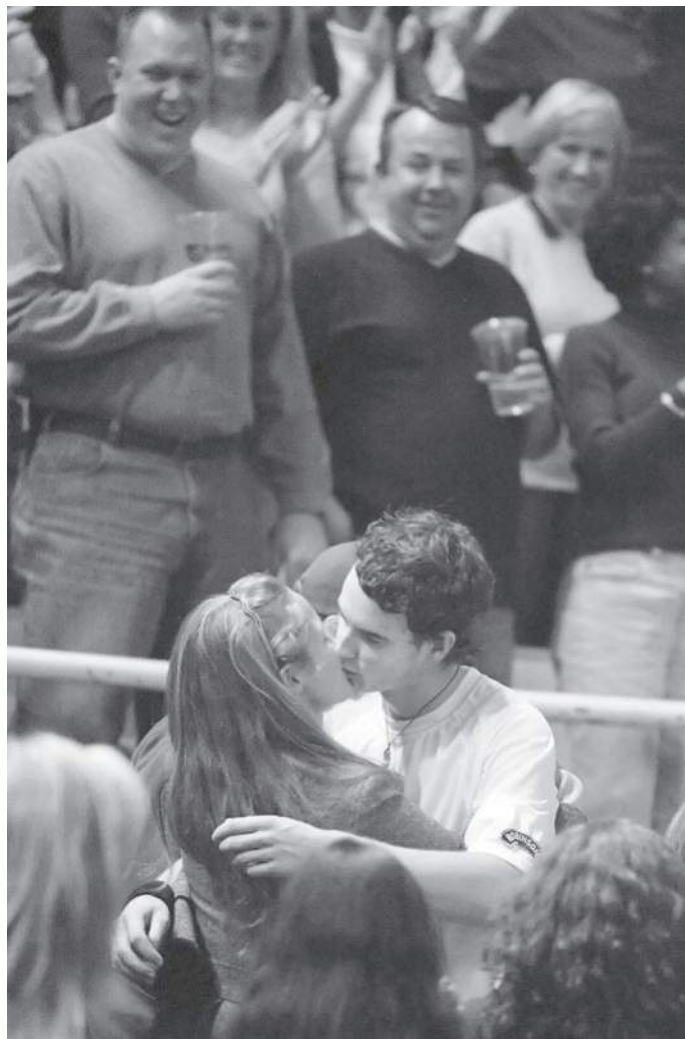
The former Wimbledon and U.S. Open champion's management company confirmed the engagement.

Earlier Wednesday, the 27-year-old Scot announced further changes to his professional support team by splitting with assistant coach Dani Vallverdu and fitness trainer Jez Green.

Murray hired Amelie Mauresmo as his coach in June, three months after parting ways with Ivan Lendl.

Mauresmo's position has been under scrutiny in Britain after Murray was eliminated from Wimbledon and the U.S. Open in the quarterfinals this year, then lost 6-0, 6-1 to Roger Federer in the ATP Finals in London.

Vallverdu has been a close friend of Murray's for more than a decade since meeting at an academy in Spain.



In this file photo dated Sunday, Feb. 19, 2006, England's Andy Murray, right, kisses his girlfriend Kim Sears after beating Australia's Lleyton Hewitt in the final match at the SAP Open in San Jose, Calif., USA.

AP

Garth Brooks cites Ferguson for cancellation

NEW YORK (AP)—Singer Garth Brooks has canceled a Thanksgiving appearance on NBC's "Tonight" show because he said it "seemed distasteful" given the reaction to the decision not to prosecute Ferguson, Missouri, police officer Darren Wilson for the shooting of Michael Brown this summer.

NBC on Wednesday confirmed the postponement, saying Brooks was being replaced on the show by Whoopi Goldberg and Tom Colicchio.

Brooks wrote on his Facebook page that he landed in New York on the night the grand jury's decision was announced "to the news of the

civil unrest that was going on in our nation. To spend the day promoting our stuff like nothing was wrong seemed distasteful to me."

He offered to reschedule. There was no immediate comment from his spokesperson about what other appearances were canceled.

New sentencing for 'Bernie' mortician

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Texas' highest court has granted a new sentencing hearing for the mortician whose conviction for killing his longtime companion and storing her body in a freezer inspired the dark-comedy movie "Bernie."

Bernie Tiede was sentenced

to life in prison for the 1996 shooting death of 81-year-old Marjorie Nugent. But he was released from prison earlier this year, after a lower court ruled the sentence was overly harsh.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals on Wednesday largely

sided with Tiede. His attorneys said jurors weren't told he felt abused by Nugent or that he was sexually abused as a child.

Nugent's family wants him returned to prison.

Nugent's body was found in a freezer in her home nine months after she went missing.



SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Singer John Mayer among 'Late Late Show' subs

NEW YORK (AP)—Singer John Mayer, filmmaker Judd Apatow and comic Drew Carey will be among the guest hosts that will fill in on CBS's "The Late Late Show" before new host James Corden takes over in March. The network on Wednesday announced its plans for the 12:37 a.m. (0537 GMT) time slot for the winter months after current host Craig Ferguson leaves. The Scottish comedian's last show will be Dec. 19. Carey will host the first week of January and the last week before Corden starts. In between, actors Will Arnett, Wayne Brady, Jim Gaffigan, Billy Gardell,

Sean Hayes, Thomas Lennon and Kunal Nayyar will take turns as host. CBS will also air special late-night editions of its daytime chat show, "The Talk," for a week in January.

Missing model-restaurateur B. Smith found in NYC

SAG HARBOR, N.Y. (AP)—Police on New York's Long Island say former model and restaurateur B. Smith has been found safe, nearly 14 hours after she was reported missing. Police in the village of Sag Harbor, where Smith lives, said she was found at around 2 p.m. Wednesday by her daughter, near her old apartment in New York City. A missing persons report had been opened around 11:45 p.m. on Tuesday. Smith, who's 65, revealed earlier this year that she has Alzheimer's disease.

Widower buried his wife, but welcomes her memory

DEAR ABBY: I was married to a wonderful woman who passed away five months ago after a heart attack. Why do people act as if the one who has passed away never existed? PLEASE talk about her. Talk about her often. Tell me good things about her.

If you wonder about the right thing to say—and I believe all mourners should hear it—here it is: Tell me my wife loved me, tell me I made her happy, tell me she knew I loved her and knew she made me happy. Repeat it as often as you can. Out of all the friends we had, only one couple said those words to me. When I heard them I cried, but I was also comforted.

Also, it seems like many of my so-called friends have fallen off the face of the earth. Now is when they are needed most. I wish I knew why they don't come to see me. Is it me?

ALONE IN ALABAMA

DEAR ALONE: Probably not. There could be more than one reason for it. With many couples, it is the wife who "nurtures" the social relationships. Also, your friends may be afraid that because they are couples and you are a widower, you might be uncomfortable spending time with them.

Something similar may be causing their reluctance to talk about your wife. They may fear that bringing her up in conversation will somehow cause you pain, which is why they

avoid it. Death is an uncomfortable subject for many people, but I hope my readers will take your comments to heart.

If you want to end your isolation, you may have to call your friends and invite THEM instead of being passive and waiting for them to contact you. Please accept my sympathy for your loss.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are approaching our 25th wedding anniversary. I think it's quite an accomplishment, since many of the couples we know have called it quits.

I'd like to celebrate with a wedding-themed party with our friends and family, renewing our vows in front of them. In addition, I'd like my girlfriends to wear a bridesmaid dress from a wedding they have been in and stand with me.

My husband thinks a party would be "showing off" and that we should celebrate quietly, just the two of us. I'm surprised we could be married for so long and not be able to come to an agreement about this. How should we celebrate this big day?

UNDECIDED IN NEW YORK

DEAR UNDECIDED: It's not showing off to renew wedding vows on significant anniversaries—many people do, and a silver anniversary definitely qualifies. A party would be appropriate, but rather than expect your friends to dig old

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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bridesmaid's dresses out of their closets—if they even have them—wouldn't it be more considerate to give them the option of wearing cocktail dresses they feel comfortable in if they wish? Hopefully, most if not all of them are also happily married, and if that's the case, I'm sure your anniversary party won't seem like one-upmanship to anyone.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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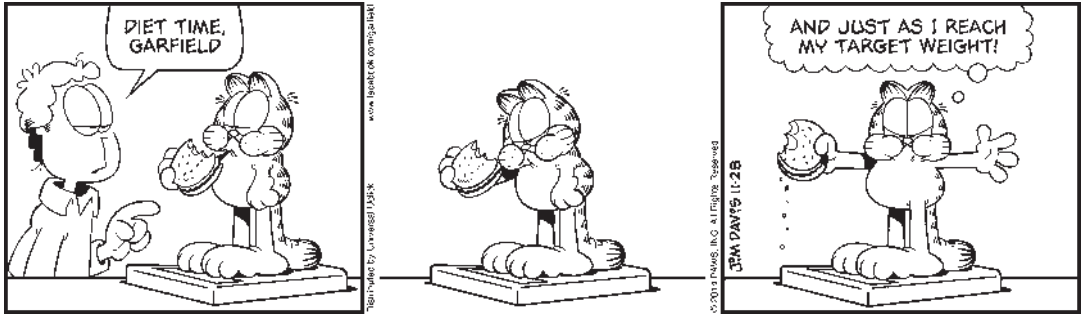
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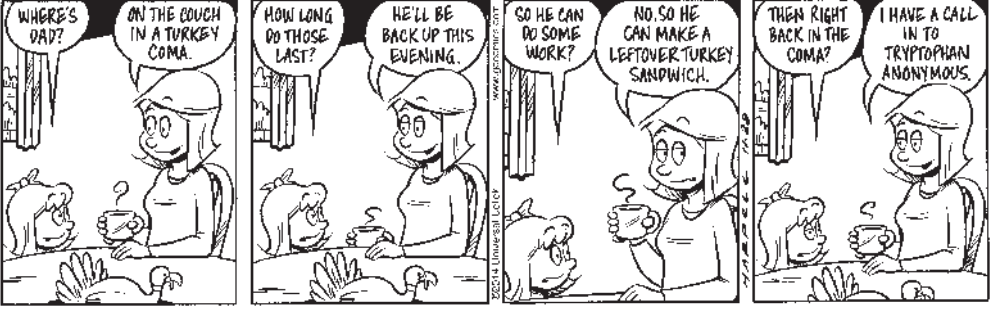
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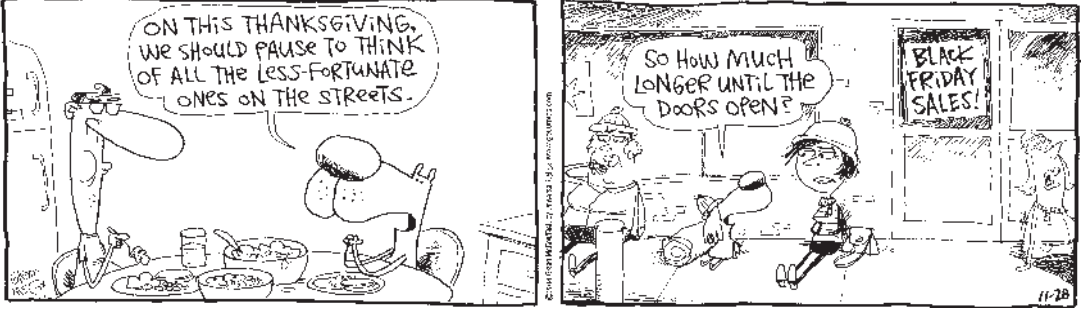
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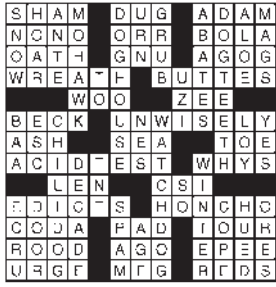
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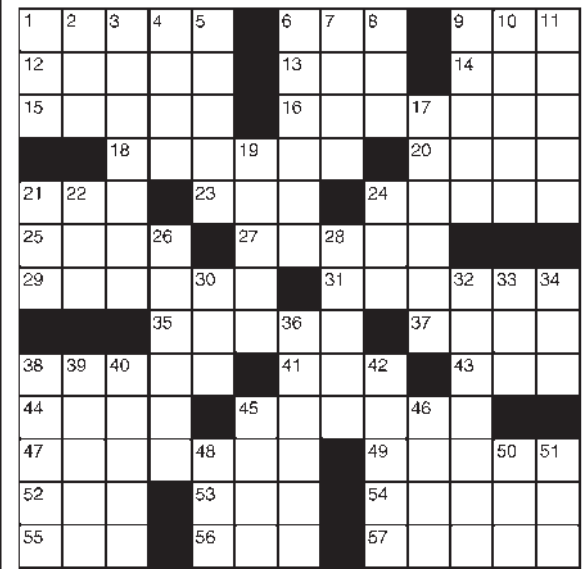
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Ryan Kwanten, 38; Jon Stewart, 52; Ed Harris, 64; Paul Shaffer, 65.

Happy Birthday: Use everything in your power to get what you want. Good fortune is within reach, but you have to overlook some of your responsibilities to take advantage of what's being offered. Don't let guilt stand between you and success. Delegate jobs in order to free up your time so you can explore new avenues and pursue your goals. Your numbers are 6, 10, 14, 24, 27, 38, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Contract negotiations and working your way into a more profitable position look achievable. Spruce up your appearance and set your goals high, and you will outmaneuver any competition you face along the way. Schedule some time for celebration. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep your spending to a minimum and try to set reasonable goals. If you veer off track, you could end up in a stressful situation. Use your skills to help secure a better professional situation. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Pace yourself. Don't allow anyone to interfere with your plans. Emotional blackmail is apparent and should be squelched before it has a chance to hinder your performance. A relationship may need an adjustment if it's going to work out. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't be afraid to do things differently. An unusual lifestyle will help you find your com-

fort zone. Good fortune can be yours, but first you must be willing to cut your costs as well as your responsibilities. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Implement a little excitement into your life. Make plans that are geared toward things you enjoy. Try to spend your time with those you have the most fun with. It's not how much money you spend on others, it's the love and consideration that counts. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't trust anyone. Empty promises are apparent, along with emotional deception and ulterior motives. Step back if you are feeling the least bit uneasy about a situation or agreement someone wants you to sign. Protect your home and financial security. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make travel plans. A short trip or longer vacation will lift your spirits. A unique encounter with someone who can provide you with valuable information will lead to an interesting turn of events. Avoid squabbles with loved ones. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): An emotional situation must be monitored. The less you say and the more affection you show, the better off you will be. A physical change will make a noticeable improvement to your appearance and your confidence. **

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't let anyone manipulate you into doing something you don't want to do. Focus on the changes you want to make at home that will add to your comfort and lower your

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stress. Don't feel you have to compensate for someone else's shortcomings. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Consider any change that is suggested, but don't feel you have to make a quick decision. Take your time and consider all the angles, and you will avoid falling into a situation that favors someone other than you. ***

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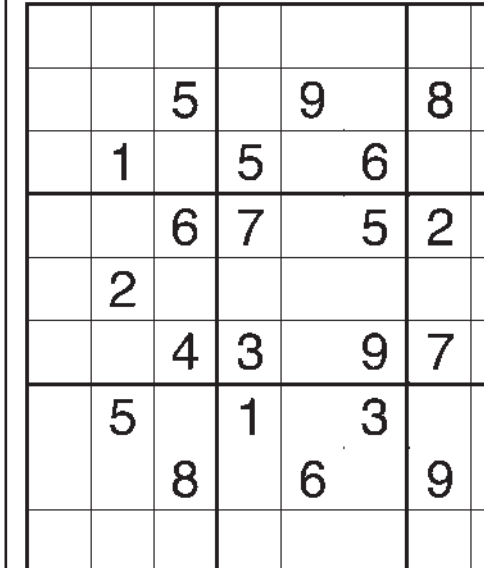
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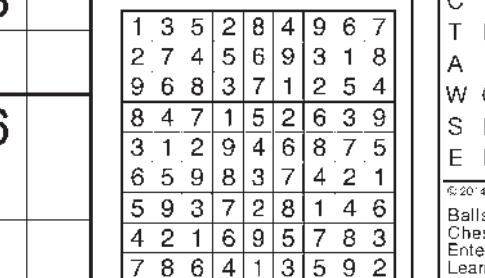
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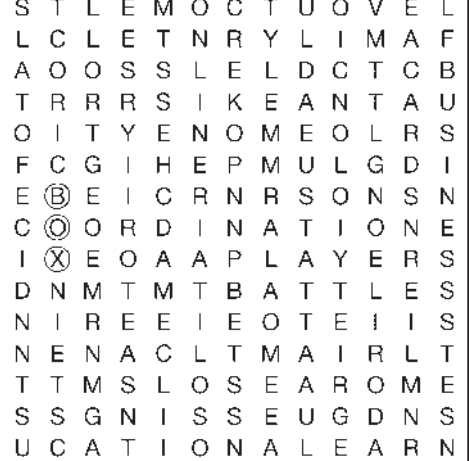


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Streaking Grizzlies hold off Lakers, 99-93



LOS ANGELES (AP)—Mike Conley thinks the Memphis Grizzlies are atop the NBA standings because they've been consistent and determined each night, no matter whether they're playing title contenders or the Los Angeles Lakers.

The Grizzlies needed every bit of that focus to hold off those 15th-place Lakers, who fell a few minutes shy of an unlikely win.

Marc Gasol had 19 points and 11 rebounds, Conley added 19 points and the Grizzlies beat Los Angeles 99-93 Wednesday night for their seventh victory in eight games.

Zach Randolph scored 16 for the Grizzlies, who improved to 13-2 and kept pace with Toronto atop the overall standings. But Memphis barely withstood a strong effort from Kobe Bryant and the Lakers, who kept it close throughout a tense fourth quarter.

"It says a lot about our focus early this season," Conley said. "That's all we want to do, is to come out focused for the first couple of months of the season, set a good standard for ourselves, and have to just hold ourselves accountable and try to get better."

Coming off back-to-back 30-point games, Gasol scored 16 points in the second half, including 12 in the third quarter while the Grizzlies moved ahead. Gasol saw a familiar pattern in the final minutes for Memphis.

"We got more stops, got a little more physical with each possession," Gasol said. "Put more pressure on them, everything we should have done all night. It's never perfect, but you aim for perfection."

Bryant scored 22 points for the Lakers, who have lost seven of nine. Los Angeles dropped to 1-7 at Staples Center after missing several chances to seize control down the stretch. The Lakers have lost six games by seven points or fewer.

"It's just as frustrating no matter how many times we lost by seven points or less," Bryant said. "I mean, it's not like we have levels of frustration. It's either all or nothing. We've had some opportunities against some of the top teams in the West to win, and we just let it get away from us."

The NBA's worst defensive team held the Grizzlies to six field goals in the fourth, and the Lakers trailed 97-93 after Jeremy Lin's free throws with 1:41 left. But Los Angeles' offense flopped down the stretch, capped by Bryant's brutal turnover with 16 seconds left.

The Lakers opened with one of their better halves of the season, and they did it without much help from Bryant, who took his first shot and scored his first points about three minutes before halftime.

Spurs 106, Pacers 100

In San Antonio Manu Ginobili



Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant shoots as Memphis Grizzlies center Marc Gasol, left, of Spain, and guard Quincy Pondexter defend during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2014, in Los Angeles. The Grizzlies won, 99-93.

had 28 points as the San Antonio Spurs won without coach Gregg Popovich, rallying for a 106-100 victory over the Indiana Pacers on Wednesday night.

Popovich missed the game after undergoing what the team is calling a minor medical procedure. Assistant Ettore Messina took over, becoming the first European-born coach to run an NBA team in the regular season.

Ginobili resembled the high-flying, energetic star that played for Bologna in 2001 under Messina before joining the Spurs, helping San Antonio's Big Three direct the team to victory without their fiery coach.

Tony Parker scored 21 points for San Antonio (10-4), and Kawhi Leonard had 21 points and 13 rebounds.

Cavaliers 113, Wizards 87

In Cleveland, LeBron James scored 29 points and Kevin Love added 21 and Cleveland exacted a little revenge on Washington.

Five days after they were embarrassed in a 91-78 loss to Washington, the Cavs controlled this one from the start and got back to .500.

James led the way, also collecting 10 rebounds and eight assists in 36 minutes. The four-time MVP, who called his team "fragile" during a recent four-game losing streak, was energized from the start as he powered to the basket and imposed his will on the Wizards.

With Cleveland up by 19, James took a seat with 7:52 left, getting an early start on the Thanksgiving holiday. Kyrie Ir-

ving added 18 points for the Cavs.

Rasual Butler scored 23 and Paul Pierce had 15 for the Wizards, who only got six points from leading scorer John Wall.

Nets 99, 76ers 91

In Philadelphia, Alan Anderson scored 10 of his 12 points in the fourth quarter as Brooklyn extended Philadelphia's season-opening skid to 15 games — matching a franchise record.

Philadelphia rallied from a 20-point deficit in the first half to the lead early in the fourth quarter, but Anderson and Mirza Teletovic led the way for Brooklyn in the final period. Teletovic had six of his nine points in the fourth.

Joe Johnson had 21 points and Brook Lopez scored 19 for Brooklyn (6-8), which won for just the second time in eight games.

K.J. McDaniels and Tony Wroten scored 18 apiece for Philadelphia, which matched the 1972-73 team that started with 15 losses on its way to setting an NBA record for fewest wins in an 82-game schedule at 9-73.

Warriors 111, Magic 96

In Orlando, Stephen Curry had 28 points, including six 3-pointers as Golden State rolled to its seventh consecutive win.

Curry rested in the fourth quarter of Golden State's third consecutive win over the Magic. The Warriors led by as many as 27 in the second half.

Seven Warriors scored in double figures. Harrison Barnes had 16 points.

Orlando, which has been bothered by a rash of recent injuries, lost its third straight game. Tobias Harris led the Magic with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Mavericks 109, Knicks 102, OT

In Dallas, Tyson Chandler set season highs with 17 points and 25 rebounds against his former team, helping the Mavericks to an overtime victory against the Knicks, who were missing Carmelo Anthony.

J.R. Smith, starting with Anthony sidelined by back spasms, was 1 of 10 from the field entering the fourth quarter. But he made a tying jumper with 0.9 seconds left in regulation.

Dirk Nowitzki had a season-high 30 points for Dallas.

Chandler put Dallas ahead for good at 101-99 with a dunk in his first game against New York since an offseason trade that brought him back to Dallas after three seasons with the Knicks.

Blazers 105, Hornets 97

In Charlotte, Wesley Matthews scored a season-high 28 points as the Trail Blazers defeated the Hornets for their ninth consecutive victory.

Matthews was 10 of 15 from the field and 6 of 9 from 3-point range as Portland (12-3) improved to 7-0 against Eastern Conference teams.

Damian Lillard had 22 points, and Robin Lopez added 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Brian Roberts had a career-high 24 points for the Hornets,

who have lost seven straight and nine of 10. Al Jefferson had 21 points and 14 rebounds for his fifth double-double.

Raptors 126, Hawks 115

In Atlanta, DeMar DeRozan scored 27 points and Lou Williams added 22 as Toronto earned its sixth consecutive victory.

The Eastern Conference-leading Raptors had their highest point total of the season. They have won 11 of 12 to match the best stretch in the franchise's 20-year history, also accomplished from March 22-April 14, 2002.

Jeff Teague had 24 points and 12 assists for Atlanta, and Al Horford scored 23 points.

Kyle Lowry had 14 points and 13 assists for Toronto, which is 4-1 on the road for the first time in team history.

Rockets 102, Kings 89

In Houston, James Harden scored 26 points to power Houston to its third straight win.

Harden was 10 for 31 in one of his worst shooting performances of the season, but also had eight assists and seven rebounds.

The Rockets (12-3) also got a big lift from Donatas Motiejunas and Isaiah Canaan, who each set a career high for points. Canaan made six 3-pointers and scored 24 points, and Donatas Motiejunas had 21 points.

DeMarcus Cousins had 29 points and 17 rebounds for the Kings (9-6), and Ben McLemore and Omri Casspi each scored 14.

Thunder 97, Jazz 82

In Oklahoma City, Reggie Jackson scored 22 points as the Thunder ended a six-game losing streak.

Jeremy Lamb scored 21 points and Serge Ibaka added 20 for the Thunder, who shot 48 percent.

Oklahoma City is off to a rough start this season, but it looks as if help is on the way. Kevin Durant (broken right foot) and Russell Westbrook (broken right hand) have been practicing and taking contact, and both will be re-evaluated in the next few days to see if they are ready to return.

Gordon Hayward scored 24 points, and Enes Kanter and Trey Burke each added 16 for the Jazz, who lost their fourth straight and matched their lowest point total of the season.

Suns 120, Nuggets 112

In Phoenix, Gerald Green scored 24 points for Phoenix, and Eric Bledsoe had 20.

Green made 6 of 11 3-pointers, and the Suns won for the fifth time in six games. Goran Dragic added 20 points for Phoenix, which ended Denver's five-game winning streak.

Timofey Mozgov led the Nuggets (7-8) with 18 points and 13 rebounds, and Ty Lawson added 17 points and 12 assists.

Bucks 103, Timberwolves 86

In Minneapolis, Larry Sanders had 15 points, seven rebounds and five blocks to help the Bucks to a victory at the Timberwolves.

Brandon Knight scored 13 of his 15 points in the fourth quarter for the Bucks (9-7), who have won five of their last seven games in a spirited start under new coach Jason Kidd. Giannis Antetokounmpo had 13 points, eight rebounds and four assists, and Jabari Parker added 11 points and seven boards.

Andrew Wiggins had 14 points, eight rebounds, four assists and two blocks for the Wolves.

Each team started two 19-year-olds — Wiggins and third-stringer Zach LaVine for Minnesota and Parker and Antetokounmpo for Milwaukee. It's the first time in NBA history that four teenagers have played in the same game, let alone started.

Clippers 104, Pistons 98

In Auburn Hills, Jamal Crawford scored 25 points and Chris Paul had 23, leading the Clippers to the road win.

Blake Griffin added 15 points, seven rebounds and seven assists for Los Angeles, which outscored Detroit 32-25 in the final period. Crawford, one of the NBA's top reserves, and Paul combined for 31 points in the second half.

D.J. Augustin scored 19 points for the Pistons, who have lost six in a row. Andre Drummond had 17 points and 13 rebounds.

Diamondbacks land Tomas on \$68.5M deal



ARIZONA
(AP) — The pursuit of free agent outfielder Yasmany Tomas took a quick and stunning turn on Wednesday. Expected to become the richest Cuban defector to date, with a \$100 million contract seemingly within reason, Tomas agreed on a six-year, \$68 million contract with the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Though he'll earn a higher yearly average, Tomas' deal falls short of Rusney Castillo's seven-year, \$72.5 million deal with the Boston Red Sox, which ultimately topped deals signed by Yasiel Puig, Yoenis Cespedes and Jose Abreu. Castillo's deal was viewed by many as a starting point for Tomas in terms of total money, but apparently the market didn't develop as envisioned.

In the other surprising twist, Arizona was only viewed as a periphery player at best in the Tomas sweepstakes as recently as Wednesday afternoon. New D-Backs general manager Dave Stewart discussed his interest with Zach Buchanan of the Arizona Republic earlier in the day, stating that no formal offer had been issued, though both sides understood what the other was looking for.

How quickly things change.

Though all 30 teams have expressed varying degrees of interest and were present at at



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AP

least one of his workouts, the Philadelphia Phillies, San Diego Padres and San Francisco Giants were the teams most often linked to Tomas. With San Francisco losing Pablo Sandoval this week, they were expected to ramp up efforts to sign the 24-year-old third baseman and outfielder, but instead he ends up with their division rivals from Arizona.

While it hasn't been a great week at the office for Giants general manager Brian Sabean, the Tomas signing solidifies a nice start to the Dave Stewart and Tony La Russa regime in

Arizona, which began with a trade to acquire right-hander Jeremy Hellickson from Tampa Bay. In Tomas, they get a young player with position flexibility and exciting raw power that should continue to develop and play very well at Chase Field. Tomas is a potential cornerstone whose prime seasons will be locked up at a surprisingly affordable price.

Meanwhile, Major League Baseball's minimum salary is rising to \$507,500 next year from \$500,000.

The sport's collective bargaining agreement called for a

cost-of-living adjustment based on the yearly increase through October of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, rounded to the nearest \$500. There will be a similar adjustment for the minimum in 2016, the final season of the labor contract.

The commissioner's office said Wednesday that the minor league minimum for a player signing a second major league contract goes up to \$82,700 from \$81,500. The minor league minimum for a player signing an initial big league contract rises to \$41,400 from \$40,750.

RG3 benched: Redskins to start Colt McCoy vs Indy



ASHBURN, Va. (AP)—Robert Griffin III mingled in the locker room and made small talk about shoes and food.

No sense talking about football, not when a player who once could do no wrong has been benched for the second time in two years.

The Redskins will start Colt McCoy over Griffin on Sunday against the Indianapolis Colts, the latest development in a stunning tailspin for the 2012 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year.

First-year coach Jay Gruden said McCoy will be given "every opportunity" to hold the job for the final five games of the season.

"We're searching for answers on offense," Gruden said. "And it starts at the quarterback position, quite frankly."

Now it's a question as to whether RG3 is done for good in Washington, and whether he'll develop the skills necessary to succeed as a pocket passer in the NFL.

The Redskins (3-8) are 0-3 since he returned from an ankle injury and have scored only one touchdown in each of the past two games.

The former No. 2 overall draft pick seemed poised to revolutionize the quarterback position with his arm and legs when he led Washington to the playoffs two years ago, but he is 4-14 as a starter since the start of the 2013 season and has struggled to adjust his game.

"We just want him to take a step back, work on his craft a little bit more," Gruden said.

Griffin will serve as the No. 2 quarterback on Sunday. Although he chatted informally with reporters Wednesday, he made no comment about Gruden's decision.

The Redskins have not permitted Griffin to speak publicly at various times this season, but a team spokesman said it was Griffin's decision to remain silent this time.

Gruden has had plenty to say, much of it quite candid, about Griffin's development. The coach was particularly brutal a week ago, citing "fundamental flaws" after an abysmal performance in a 20-point loss to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Griffin followed that up by throwing for just 106 yards in a 17-13 defeat against the San Francisco.

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Mayweather deals another low blow to Pacquiao



He's done all he can to avoid fighting Manny Pacquiao.

Now, Floyd Mayweather has taken to social media to taunt his would-be rival, posting on Twitter and his Facebook page pictures and video of a series of Pacquiao knock downs.

In what can best be described as a low blow, Mayweather claimed the 35-year-old Filipino "was broke for a payday".

But Pacquiao was quick to respond, insisting the American boxing champion should "fear God".

"I'm not affected by it. I pity him and I pray that someday he would change his ways," told Sky Sports.

"He (Mayweather) should fear God. For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

The potshot is the latest round in the long feud between Pacquiao and Mayweather and the seemingly endless quest to get them into the ring.

The pair were due to meet in 2009, but quarrels over blood tests killed off the prospect of any potential superfight taking place and they are no closer to facing off now.

Mayweather beat Marcos Maidana in his last outing, and in the aftermath, he insisted that if a fight with the Filipino icon was on the table, he'd do his utmost to "make it happen". Meanwhile, Brisbane

school teacher Jeff Horn will become a leading contender for Manny Pacquiao's world welterweight title if he can defeat unbeaten Brazilian champ Robson Assis in Hamilton, New Zealand next week.

Horn, who has had just nine pro fights, is already ranked the No.12 contender for Pacquiao's WBO title while Assis is No.11. They clash at the Claudelands Arena on Saturday.

"We expect Jeff to be rated in the top 10 with a win," said trainer Glenn Rushton, "and that really puts him in line for some huge international fights with Pacquiao as the top prize."

"He's come through the ranks quickly but that has always been our plan because Jeff doesn't want to make a career against easy opponents. We've always had the philosophy to bite off more than we can chew and then chew like mad and so far Jeff has proved all the critics wrong"

Robson Assis fights both orthodox and southpaw and we've prepared hard for both styles. Jeff did a great 10-round session with Jarrod Fletcher last week and he's been sparring Shaggy King, Clay Waterman and some other real talents.

Assis, 29, is unbeaten in 14 fights.

Horn is promoted by New Zealand company Duco Events, who also stage the highly successful Auckland Nines rugby league series.

Promoter Dean Lonergan said he believed Horn had



Mayweather



Pacquiao

world championship potential since he saw him fight at the Olympics two years ago and the company wanted to move him into the No. 1 position in the world rankings with a series of big wins starting next week.

Pacquiao retained his world

title against previously unbeaten Chris Algieri in Macau on the weekend, dropping the American six times on his way to a lopsided decision.

The Filipino's purse was more than \$25 million. He says he has been offered \$80 million

to fight Floyd Mayweather.

During a one-sided mugging, Algieri's delusional trainer Tim Lane told his fighter after Round 9 after two counts had been put on the hapless American. "Chris, we are exactly where we need to be."

After Algieri barely made it through Round 10, Lane told his fighter: "OK, Chris, I'm letting you out of the cage" and at the end of round 11 he told him: "Hit him in the body and stay on his ass. This is The Chris Algieri Show."

TURKEY

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morning runners. Fortunately for Longuski, he's been used to the road condition as he has been running the course for about year.

"It was tough, especially the last few turns. I've been running this course for about a year now and when I do practice runs here I stopped at about every 100 meters, but today I have to keep going because there are two guys trying to

catch up with me," Longuski said.

Veteran roadrunner Ketson Jack Kabiriel and young gun Seiya Eda tried but failed to overtake Longuski, who broke away from the lead pack early in the race (past the old Coffee Care Café) in Capital Hill.

Kabiriel came in second overall with his 43:11, while Eda finished third and first in the boys U17 age group after submitting 43:18.

"I joined this morning's race just to train with my runners. I

am happy with Seiya because he had a very good time," said Kabiriel.

Meanwhile, Russell also finished the race under the 50-minute mark with her 48:32 to top the women's open field. She placed seventh overall, besting more than 20 runners in her division.

Russell, Longuski, and Eda along with other division top finishers Gabrielle Race, Lenosuke Suzuki, Conatsu Kaga, Goshi Sato, Kimiko McKagan, Cesar Danao and Irma Halaby.

Kaga prevailed in the girls U12 with her 48:58, which was

the eighth best time in the field, while Suzuki logged 52:23 to win the boys U12 division and place No. 22 overall. Race finished 25th overall and her 53:08 was the best time in the girls U17 division.

In the adults races, Sato and McKagan topped the 40 to 49 age group after clocking in at

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of winning the A and Chichirika C divisions, respectively.

The Ridin' Darry currently holds a 153-85 card or 6 games ahead of closest pursuer Sand Juvy Predators (147-91) with still one play date left in the season. The Ridin' Darry remained on top of the standings after a 14-3 thrashing of the Route33 Mafia, while the Predators kept the former within striking distance, following a 9-8 win over the Outlawz.

Expect an exciting finish for the crown, as the Ridin' Darry and the Predators host lowly squads Sakude and Smoke Pub Hunters on Monday, Dec. 1, in separate venues.

In other A division results, the Mixblood Shooters, Hunters closed out their respective seasons with 9-8 decisions over

the Bud Brothers and Sakude, while the 101 Proofers clipped Comatose, 11-6.

The Spartans (125-85) and the Barcode Breakers (120-90) are the title contenders in the Chichirika C division. The Spartans will be hosting the Bull-It, while the Breakers visit Ta Chagi in separate matches on Wednesday, Dec. 3.

The Jokers Destroyers and sister team X-ecutioners will formalize their title victories in the final day of matches next week in the Masters and Tuesday B divisions. The Destroyers are on top of the Masters field with a 148-90 mark, while the X-ecutioners are the No. 1 team in the Tuesday B with a 143-67 card.

Sand Juvy Shoot Balut (125-113) and Smoke Pub Marupok (127-83) are the second placers in the Masters and Tuesday B divisions, respectively.

first timers joining this annual Thanksgiving Day race," NMA secretary general Robin Sapong.

NMA thanked Hyatt Regency Saipan, Kanoa Resort, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, IP&E, MARPAC, T Galleria, Joeten Enterprise, and other sponsors and aid volunteers in yesterday's event.

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Jae Yun Jun and Anthony Gregoire kick off the action in the division as they duel in an 8am match at Fiesta Court 1. Over at Kanoa at 11am, Eu Bin Park meets Seung Jin Park. Kang and Woo are also entered in the boys U10 singles and drew byes in Friday's opener. Woo will face the winner of the Jun-Gregoire game tomorrow at 1pm at Hyatt Court 1, while Kang will be paired either against Eu Bin or Seung Jin at the same time at Hyatt Court 2.

The opening week of the Tan Holdings Classic will only feature competition in the juniors singles and doubles events, while the second and final week is an open field. Players wishing to compete in Week 2 have only until today to register. **(Roselyn B. Monroyo)**

THUNDER

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seeding in the inaugural youth league and completed their title run with a 37-0 thumping of the Northern Saints in their title duel on Jan. 11, 2014.

The Lightning's core group remains intact, making the David Ada Jr.-coached Eastern side as favorites to again rule this season. The Eastern crew is composed of players from different villages on Saipan.

However, the Thunder are also no pushovers as chief mentor Jermaine Catching assembled a strong fighting unit that can pull off some surprises. The Southern squad's players are from Chalan

Kanoa, Koblerville, Dandan, and San Antonio.

The Northern Saints of bench tactician Joe Ocampo is the other team competing this season. A fourth team could have been formed, but plans did not materialize due to lack of coaching staff that will handle the squad.

A two round-robin system will be implemented this season with the Top 2 teams advancing to the title match tentatively set on Jan. 10.

The champion team will then represent the CNMI in a friendly match with Guam after the end of the season. However, the champion squad has the option to select players from other teams to fortify its roster against Guam.

CHAGI

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direct flights from Osaka and Nagoya to Saipan were cancelled.

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Strong finish for Kanoa FC in Guam friendlies

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Kanoa Football Club U12 swept its last three matches in Guam for a strong finish in the group's first off-island event.

Kanoa FC dropped its opener in the Guam friendly games held over the weekend at the Guam Football Association National Training Center, losing to an all-star selection, 3-4, last Friday. The visiting team then battled back and went 3-0 after prevailing against Tumon, 5-0; Crushers, 3-2; and Wings Black, 3-2.

"After the loss, we just told our players to keep playing their game and remain focus. They were still confident despite losing in the first game because they were beaten by just one goal, so in the last three matches, their energy was still high—they were motivated to bounce back," Kanoa FC general secretary Cristy Villafior said.

In Kanoa's first game and only loss in the Guam friendlies, three different players made it to the board for one of the newest member of the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association family. Ian Karl Maniago scored the first goal for Kanoa, while Sebastian Matthew Manabat and Merrick Vicente Toves hit the second and third.

Manabat also scored in their second game, but the star of Kanoa's shutout win over Tu-



mon was Jhoel Daniel Noble, who nailed a pair of goals. Kirt Andon and Lester Bata were the two other players who contributed to Kanoa's offense.

Manabat earned his third goal in the event when he drew first blood for Kanoa in their close victory over Crushers, while the two other goals came from John Mark Anastacio and Toves. Manabat went on to complete his scoring run in the weekend event, nailing one more in their triumph over Wings Black. Jaydee Jose logged the other goal, while Kanoa got one more

off an own goal.

"I really enjoyed the experience in Guam, it's been so much fun," Manabat was quoted as saying in an interview with organizer Guam Football Association. "It's my first time out of Saipan, so I was really excited to see what kind of competition we'd face. I was thinking the matches we had would be very, very hard, but many of the teams we faced were at a similar level."

"I'd like to compete in more matches outside of Saipan like the friendlies in Guam for the



GUAM FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
Kanoa FC U12 and Wings Black players kick the ball during their friendly game at the Guam Football Association National Training Center last weekend.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Kanoa Football Club U12 players and coaches pose for a photo at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Guam grounds before heading to the Guam Football Association National Training Center for a series of friendly games last weekend.

challenge and also to make new friends," the William S. Reyes Elementary School sixth grader added.

Joining Manabat, Toves, Jose, Anastacio, Maniago, Noble, Andon, and Bata on the Kanoa crew are Angelo Magarett Ada, Princess Alcantara, Joe Emil Antonio, Benster Benjamin, Paulyn Grace Joyce, Ronian Laxamana, Brian and Ian Lubao, Daniel Pablo, and Ericka Santiago. Jeralyn Castillo, Mikky Vargas, Andreau Galvez, and Irish Pagarao are the team's coaches.

After their notable debut in the Guam friendlies, Kanoa is looking for more improvement from its players next season.

"Although it is a U12 team, many of the players are just 9 and 10 years old. They all worked really hard to make this trip to Guam happen. The kids just love to play soccer and we wanted to give them the opportunity to gain experience from matches outside of Saipan. We hope that with the experience in Guam, they will continue to improve and work to play at higher levels," Villafior was quoted as saying in an interview with GFA.

9 vie for boys U12 singles crown



Nine will contest the boys U12 singles title in the 6th Tan Holdings Tennis Classic that will kick off today at three different venues.

The top-ranked Sean Lee, winner of last year's U10 singles event, is among the contenders for the U12 championship and begins his title bid this afternoon with a match against the winner of the Daniel Kang-Jamin Elliot pairing. Kang and Elliot collide

at 8am today at Kanoa Resort's Court 1 with the victor facing Lee at 1pm over at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Court 1.

Joining Lee, Elliot, and Kang at the upper half of the draw are Ji Min Woo and Allan Lee, who will square off in an 11am match today at Kanoa Court 1.

At the lower half of the bracket, the second-ranked Aditya Rai also plays today against Brian Kim at 8am at Kanoa Court 2, while Jeffrey Seo takes on Eugene Park in a 9:30am

match in the same court.

The lower bracket semis game in the division will also take place at Kanoa this Saturday, while the semis duel at the upper bracket will be held at Fiesta. The finals set for Sunday at 9:30am is set at Fiesta, too.

In the doubles, the round-robin matches are slated at Hyatt Regency Saipan courts and Fiesta.

Sean Lee and Rai will challenge Kim and Seo in a 7pm match at Fiesta Court 1 tonight, while tomorrow the latter pair will take on Park and Allan Lee also at Fiesta at 1pm. Over at Hyatt Court 2, Park and Allan Lee will battle Rai and Sean Lee in an 11:30am tiff this Sunday.

Meanwhile, games in the boys U10 singles also starts today.

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Ji Min Woo, seen here stretching for a return in a local tournament early this year, is among the nine players vying for the boys U12 single title in the 6th Annual Tan Holdings Tennis Classic.

Latte Darts rule SEDA Kingfisher division

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The Jokers Latte Darts compiled the most number of wins to rule the Kingfisher C division of the Bud Light Saipan Electronic Darts Association League.

The Latte Darts tallied 151 wins against 59 losses in the 14-week schedule in their division in the annual tournament organized by Pacific Amusement Inc. Kevin Villagomez, Boom Cruz, Darrol Atalig, Rusty Santos, Ling C. Repeki, Bam Castro are the Latte Darts members.

The Jokers-backed crew, one of the three teams sponsored by the Garapan bar, capped their title victor with an 11-4 crushing of the Oleai Rebelz on the final day of the tournament.

Route33 Chagi Fan failed to come up with the needed wins

to overtake the Latte Darts and instead dropped an 8-7 decision to sister team the Dart Knights to finish second with a 145-55 slate. The Dart Knights ended the season at third with a 142-68 mark.

In other final day results in the Kingfisher C division, the

Jokers BSEA Sunsports (103-107) escaped with a 9-6 victory over the Naked Fish Hafa Mas (113-97)

Meanwhile, the Naked Fish Ridin' Darrty and the Jokers Spartans are in good position

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Members of the Jokers Latte Darts celebrate after winning their division in the Bud Light Saipan Electronic Darts Association League.



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First-timers top Turkey Trot



Finishers of yesterday's 2014 Turkey Trot Fun Run pose for a group photo at Mt. Tapochao. **ROSELYN B. MONROYO**

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First-timers, including top finishers Keith Longuski and Jenni Russell, filled the competitors list in yesterday's 2014 Turkey Trot Fun Run.

Longuski completed the 4.2-mile race from Lower Base to Mt. Tapochao in 38:35 to lead 118 other finishers and rule the men's open division.

The race to the highest peak on the island was a punishing one as the road to Mt. Tapochao



is undergoing repairs with more and deeper potholes and ruts greeting

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Eastern Lightning to open title defense bid vs Thunder

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The Eastern Lightning will open its title retention bid against the Southern Thunder as the Commonwealth Football League As-

sociation Youth League kicks off tomorrow at the CPA Airport Field.

The Lightning, who will face the Thunder at 1pm, swept the double-round robin play last year to earn the top

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COMMONWEALTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Southern Thunder players try to stop an Eastern Lightning member during last season's match in the Commonwealth Football League Association Youth League at the CPA Airport Field. The league will kick off its new season this Saturday.

Longuski



Russell



Team Ossan wins Chagi Cup wakeboarding tournament

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Team Ossan earned the nod of the judges to rule last Sunday's Chagi Cup held at the J&K Marine Sports wakeboarding course in Susupe.

Team Ossan was composed of non-pros Otsuka Sadayuki, Inaoka Yoshiro, Fujisawa Tamaki, Asano Kiyoshi, Otsuka Ryo and Uematsu Yusuke.

Riders from each team were given eight minutes to do their routine—jumps, flips, spins and other ticks—with pro wakeboarders Ito Tatsuo and Horino Asami

taking turns in judging them.

Team Umibaba Kids, also non-pros, placed second as they and Team Ossan bested the four other squads that have pros on their rosters. Kumiko Deleon Guerrero, Osawa Hyoga, Sato Hina, Toyoizumi Kazuma, Takamura Taiga and Ai Otsuka were the members of Team Umibaba Kids.

Team 6Ronin of Komoto Takayuki, Jun Salalila, Komoto Murai Megumi, and Kako, Anna and Amitani Yoshiaki finished third.

Team Poseidon (Tatsuo Ito, Jeffery Barit, Ri Junichi, Sato

Tadanao, Takita Kenji and Mori Hisashi); Team Top Geat (Horino Asami, Kimura Motonori, Takahashi Atsuyuki, Ichinari Masumi, Ohashi Hikaru and Imai Hidetoshi); and Team Up-Down (Koji Nakamura, Muraoka Yukio, Kelvin Villagomez, Matsuzaka Sachiko, Izawa Kazuki and Tachiki Kaoru) were the other competing squads.

Takayuki, Ito, Asami and Nakamura are pros.

Hyoga and Takamura, both from Team Umibaba Kids, have won numerous competitions in Japan and the U.S.

Hyoga is the reigning two-

time Japan Wakeboarding Association boys' champion and last year's Chagi Cup middle men's winner. He also won the Tokyo Odaiba Cable Wake beginner last month.

Taiga, meanwhile, placed third in the Wake Games junior boys' category in the U.S. and fourth in the World Championship. He is also a two-time All Japan winner and finished third in the 2014 World Wake Games.

The Chagi Cup began in 2000 and run until 2009 before being shelved from 2010 to 2012 after

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